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LOS SIETE DE LA RAZA AND THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The Black Panther Party goes forth to meet the needs and desires of the people. De La Raza means the seven. The seven are a group of Latin brothers who are accused of killing a fascist San Francisco Pig, on May 1st this year. Six of these brothers are in jail and the fascist forces of S.F. are searching for a seventh. The fascist who man the county jail in San Francisco are brutalizing and torturing the brothers as they do all political prisoners.

One of the Latin brothers has a case of hepatitis, he has constantly been refused the right to see a doctor. Another brother is suffering from diarrhea, he has been refused a doctor's care. These brothers have been allowed to take only two showers since they were arrested in May. One of the brothers was put in the "hole" for doing no more than stepping on a wet floor. The fascist dog police spit in the brother's food. They are approached individually by the fascist, who tries to get one to sell out the others.



Mario Martinez, Jose Melandez and Jose Rios

The Black Panther Party sees that there brothers are political prisoners the same as Huey P. Newton. Their community is occupied by fascist police who occupy it like a foreign troop occupies territory. They have been subjected to the intimidation and name calling of Alioto and his gang of City bandits. The Black Panther Party stands in support of the Los Siete de La Raza and in firm solidarity with the Latin community.

We will do every thing within our power to see that these brothers are not railroaded into the gas chamber by the fascist pigs of this state. The brothers are being defended by the best and most revolutionary attorney in America; Charles R. Garry.

On Saturday afternoon of last week the chairman of the Black Panther Party met with the parents and families of the seven. The chairman and the Panthers were greeted with warmth and enthusiasm as they explained the Party's ideology and the necessity of forming coalitions in order to survive fascist Americans. The families of the seven were given a massage from the Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton which is also printed in this issue of the paper.



Los Siete de la Raza

Taken from prison CMC East. And would like to tell the parents and the Siete group that the Black Panther Party and the community is behind you 100%, and that we intend to do everything within our power to see that you're liberated. I've had the same experience of going through an ordeal similar to what you're going through now. So I know the many pressures upon you. But I would like to say that it's very important for you to remain very strong, in order for your parents to be able to go through this. Together you will give each other strength, in knowing that the community is behind you, and that the whole liberation struggle is supporting you. That you have very little to worry about in the final effect, because the people are always victorious. So I would like to say again, keep your spirit high, because that will be very important to surmount the obstacle, and to surmount the oppression that you're facing at this time. Because once you give up, then it's all lost, but as long as your confident and your spirit is high there's nothing that we can't overcome together. So I would like to say, Power to all the People, Brown Power to Brown People, Black Power to Black People, and Power to all the Oppressed People in the world.

HUEY P. NEWTON

LETTER TO CHARLES GARY

Mr. Charles R. Garry
341 Market Street
San Francisco, California
June 20, 1969

Dear Mr. Garry:

Reference is made to the Black Panther organization.

We have this day mailed a letter to the President of the United States urging him to propose legislation affecting the Black Panther membership.

We urge the President to outlaw the Black Panthers as vicious criminals who advocate the overthrow of the United States government. We suggest that members of the Black organization be summarily arrested and detained and subsequently confined to an internment camp...The President as Commander in Chief of our armed forces should have such authority. The internment should also apply to the SDS and splinter groups...

People who advocate the overthrow of our form of government should be removed from society as one would remove a malignant cancer growth...

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THE PARAMILITARY RIGHT

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those paranoid patriots —the minutemen—plot to save america by assassinating their enemies and taking over the country themselves

article By ERIC NORDEN

". . . See the old man at the corner where you buy your paper? He may have a silencer-equipped pistol under his coat. That extra fountain pen in the pocket of the insurance salesman that calls on you might be a cyanide gas gun. What about your milkman? Arsenic works slow but sure. Your automobile mechanic may stay up nights studying booby traps. These patriots are not going to let you take their freedom away from them. They have learned the silent knife, the strangler's cord, the target rifle that hits sparrows at 200 yards. Only their leaders restrain them. Traitors beware! Even now the cross hairs are on the back of your necks."

THE MULTILITH LETTER, bordered in black and headed "In Memoriam," was addressed to a small group of liberal Congressmen who had voted to deny appropriations to the House Committee on Un-American Activities for the fiscal year 1964-1965. It was one of thousands run off by superpatriots accusing HUAC's foes of aiding and abetting "the international Communist conspiracy", but few of the letter's recipients were inclined to dismiss it as the work of a commonplace political crank. The warning was issued by the Minutemen of America, an underground paramilitary organization of right-wing extremists heavily armed and itching for action. One Congressman on the Minutemen hate list, Representative Henry Gonzalez of Texas, took the threat seriously enough to urge then-Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to launch a Justice Department investigation of the Minutemen. "In the light of recent developments," he wrote, "I have become decidedly more sensitive about some of the hate material that is so widely distributed." By recent developments, Gonzalez explained to a newsman, he meant the assassination of President Kennedy. A week later, Gonzalez formally urged the Warren Commission, then initiating its probe of the President's death, to investigate the possibility of Minutemen involvement in the assassination. Attorney General Kennedy replied that he could find no proof the Minutemen had violated any Federal laws, and there was, consequently, no action the Department of Justice could take, "unless there is sufficient evidence to establish that these acts are beyond the protected areas of speech, press and assembly guarantees of the First Amendment to the Constitution." Kennedy's position failed to mollify Minuteman "maximum" leader Robert Bolivar DePugh, who charged that the Attorney General had, in fact, been covertly harassing the organization since 1961. "If Robert Kennedy can't find anything that we've done illegal," said DePugh, "it certainly is not because he hasn't tried." DePugh subsequently called Kennedy "the most dangerous traitor in American public life."

Despite their early public image as gun-happy but relatively harmless kooks—"the first World War Three buffs," as one observer dubbed them—the Minutemen in recent years have evinced a tendency to translate their threats into action. Senator J. William Fulbright, the bête noire of the ultraright ever since his exposure of General Edwin A. Walker's indoctrination of his troops with Birchite propaganda in 1961, has received hundreds of threats from Minutemen and their supporters. In 1962, one fanatic Minuteman put aside his pen and reached for his rifle. The plot to assassinate Fulbright was the brain-child of "John Morris," the *nom de guerre* of a Dallas Minuteman activist and former recruiter for George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party,



who was convinced that the systematic liquidation of leading liberals could "purify" the country, terrorize the opposition and enable the paramilitary right to "gain control of the Government." Morris persuaded a number of fellow Minutemen in Kansas City that Fulbright would make an ideal first victim. A former aide to DePugh, Jerry Milton Brooks—nicknamed "the Rabbi" because of his virulent anti-Semitism—claims that "Morris' plan was to knock off Fulbright during one of his speaking tours in Arkansas. One Kansas City Minuteman put up the money for Morris and another loaned him a 1952 Buick to get to Little Rock. A Texas man was supposed to hire a private plane and fly him out of the state after Fulbright was zapped."

According to Brooks, "Morris purchased a rifle with a telescopic sight; but on the day he was to depart for Little Rock, news of the plot leaked to DePugh, who blew his top. At this stage, he was still preaching his principle of deliberate delay, which means all the emphasis is on recruiting and propaganda and stockpiling arms, so you don't zap anybody till the outfit's ready to function fully underground. DePugh met Morris on a bridge in Lexington, Missouri, and told him he had to call off the plan because, whether it succeeded or failed, all that would happen was that the authorities would be sicked onto the Minutemen. DePugh made it clear that if Morris went ahead, *he'd* be the one who'd end up six feet under. The poor guy panicked and beat it out to Oklahoma."

DePugh has since denied that there was ever a serious plan to take Fulbright's life, but admits having "talked" with Morris. "The whole thing was blown up out of all proportion," he asserts, adding: "But just because I've exercised a restraining influence in the past, that doesn't mean I'll always do so. There is no act too brutal or illegal for us to take if it will help save this country from communism—including assassination. There'll be a lot of dead souls before this fight is over."

Minuteman wrath is not restricted to "subversive" Senators. In the fall of 1968, three Dallas Minutemen, led by a night-club owner who served as a local official of the organization's political arm, the Patriotic Party, hatched a plot to assassinate Stanley Marcus, millionaire owner of the Neiman-Marcus department store and one of the city's few outspoken liberals. An informer present at the planning sessions told journalist William W. Turner, an ex-FBI agent, that snipers intended to ambush Marcus on one of his out-of-town trips, since "another assassination in Dallas would be too much." Once more, however, DePugh got wind of the plot and aborted it at the last moment.

A more grandiose and imaginative Minuteman effort was the attempt to introduce cyanide gas into the air-conditioning system of the United Nations Building during a General Assembly session. Minuteman defector Brooks claims that the plan was initially approved by DePugh, who then developed cold feet and backed out. "He got the idea at our training session in Independence, Missouri, in the summer of 1965," says Brooks. "A bunch of us were sitting around in a bull session and somebody wondered how you could wipe out everybody in the UN all at once, and one of the guys suggested mortars, but I said, 'No, even with a direct hit, you'd only zap a few, despite those glass walls.' And then Bob [DePugh] says to me, 'Do you think you could get hold of any cyanide?' He asked me because I was working for an extermination outfit at the time, and I said, 'Sure, as much as you want.' So he told me to get him some, and I bought twenty gallons and took it back to headquarters. Some of it went out to Ken Goff [the Reverend Kenneth Goff, leader of an affiliated paramilitary organization, the Soldiers of the Cross] and Bob said we'd keep the rest for the UN. He told me he'd select one of our New York guys to put it into the air-conditioning ducts, and I found out later they'd picked a member who's with the New York state police and who could use his credentials to get into the UN basement. But then Bob decided he wanted to wait, and some of the guys who'd gotten all excited about the idea were really pissed off and decided to go ahead on their own."

This activist faction, chafing at DePugh's "moderation," secreted the cyanide and prepared to act independently, in defiance of DePugh's instructions. According to political historian George Thayer, who scrutinized the Minutemen closely in his book *The Farther Shores of Politics*: "DePugh loyalists were outraged at this development and made plans to shoot the faction's leader in a room lined with butcher paper. To obliterate any trace of the crime, the bloody paper was to be burned, the body buried in a deep grave somewhere in Missouri and the gun smelted down. Both the plot and counterplot fell apart when the authorities got wind of them and stepped into the picture."

Brooks, who blew the whistle on the cyanide plot in Kansas City's U.S. District Court during DePugh's trial for violation of the National Firearms Act—and who is now hiding out in the Alaskan tundra to escape his former comrades' retribution—believes that the Minutemen are biding their time for a fresh attack on the UN, with or without cyanide gas. "That place is a symbol of everything they hate," he explained to a journalist. "They're bound to take another crack at it someday."

Real or imagined Communists—in and out of the UN—have been a favorite target of Minuteman terrorist attacks in recent years. In the predawn hours of October 30, 1966, 19 heavily armed Minutemen, divided into three bands, were intercepted by staked-out police (tipped by an FBI informant) as they zeroed in on left-wing camps in a three-state area. Targets of the coordinated forays were Camp Webatuck at Wingdale, New York, where fire bombs with detonators had already been set in place; Camp Midvale in New Jersey; and a pacifist community at Voluntown, Connecticut, established by the New England Committee for Nonviolent Action. According to Queens district attorney Nat Hentel, who helped coordinate the roundup, the Minutemen, disguised as hunters, intended to burn the camps to the ground—along with their inhabitants. A state police official added, "I don't know what they thought they were going to accomplish, but they had plenty of hardware available to get the job done."

As the Minutemen were being herded into custody, raids on secret munitions bunkers and basement arms caches by 110 state, county and city police officers netted a huge arsenal of Minuteman combat materiel: 1,000,000 rounds of rifle and small-arms ammunition, chemicals for preparing bomb detonators, considerable radio equipment—including 50 walkie-talkies and shortwave sets tuned to police bands—125 single-shot and automatic rifles, 10 dynamite bombs, 5 mortars, 12 .30-caliber machine guns, 25 pistols, 240 knives (hunting, throwing, cleaver and machete), 1 bazooka, 3 grenade launchers, 6 hand grenades and 50 80-millimeter mortar shells. For good measure, there was even a crossbow replete with curare-tipped arrows.

Arrested in the roundup was the man District Attorney Hentel identified as the East Coast coordinator of the Minutemen: Milton Kellogg, a wealthy Upstate businessman. Police announced that in raids on Kellogg's two homes, in Syracuse and Brewerton, they had confiscated—along with 11 hypodermic needles, 6 syringes, 4 handguns, 4 rifles, 2 shotguns, gunpowder and 5000 rounds of ammunition—files disclosing that the extent of Minutemen activities in the New York/New England area was far greater than local authorities had hitherto suspected, and that the paramilitary activists had even succeeded in infiltrating the state police. Hentel announced in the aftermath of the raids that for two years, an unnamed state policeman—one of three state troopers comprising a Minuteman "action squad"—had looted heavy weapons from armories for the organization and had tipped off Minuteman leaders on pending state and Federal investigations. According to Hentel, the trooper had also served as an organizer for the Minutemen and had recruited National Guardsmen as possible leaders of Minutemen cells. The three state policemen were subsequently cashiered, but no criminal action was taken against them.

The Minutemen arrested in the raids were drawn from a cross section of lower-middle-class America. In addition to the state troopers, there were a cabdriver, a

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gardener, a subway conductor, a fireman, a mechanic, a plasterer, a truck driver, a heavy-equipment operator, a draftsman, several small businessmen, a horse groom and two milkmen. Most were respectable family men in their late 20s or early 30s, known to their neighbors as solid, churchgoing pillars of the community—but they inhabited a world far removed from the P.T.A. and the Rotary Club. One of the milkmen, nicknamed "Nathan Hale" because of the inscription [illegible] on the stock of one of his semiautomatic rifles, carefully stored highly volatile plastic bombs in the refrigerator. One of the leaders of the group, Jack Lynn Boyer of Kenneth, New York, a former Madison Avenue copywriter and more recently a sophomore at Danbury State College in Connecticut, stockpiled his own private arsenal; in a six-A.M. raid on his home, police seized an undetermined number of bazookas, 18 machine guns, 3 mortars, several handguns, an antitank missile launcher, 12 walkie-talkie sets, a sawed-off shotgun, automatic rifles and a large quantity of ammunition. Outside Boyer's spacious two-story farmhouse, a Betsy Ross flag with 13 stars fluttered proudly in the breeze, and his porch door was flanked by two upright howitzers. Buried in the back of a hill behind his house was the neighborhood's only fallout shelter. Boyer was a regional Civil Defense officer. In his spare time, he sharpened his marksmanship by lobbing cans of peas from a modified mortar at cows grazing in a nearby pasture, while his brother, equipped with a walkie-talkie, served as forward artillery observer. Bemused neighbors recorded no direct hits. Another of the band, a Long Island gardener, held recruiting sessions for the Ku Klux Klan in his greenhouse; and one of the most dedicated members, a Reserve master sergeant in the Green Berets, taught interested recruits the rudiments of jungle warfare in his back yard.

Despite appearances, this group was viewed by New York authorities as anything but ludicrous. "Kooks they are, harmless they're not," said one officer of the Bureau of Special Services, the undercover intelligence unit of the New York City police force. "It's only due to their own incompetence, and not any lack of motivation, that they haven't left a trail of corpses in their wake."

In the aftermath of the roundup, a high New York City official revealed in *The Washington Post* that if the orchestrated raids on the leftist camps had proved successful, the Minutemen's next move was to have been an assassination attempt on former CORE leader James Farmer, marked for death as a "top black Red." Hewitt adds that during the raids, hundreds of copies of a forged pamphlet, purportedly issued by a black nationalist group, were discovered in the Bellmore, Long Island, home of Minuteman leader William Garrett. The leaflets—which Hewitt characterized as part of a plot to foment racial violence—had been thrown from speeding cars in racially tense areas of Queens and Long Island, urging Negroes "to kill white devils and have the white women for our pleasure." Hewitt feels that a racial conflict was only narrowly averted through the cooperation of local newspapers and radio stations, which clamped a news blackout on the incident. William H. Booth, chairman of the New York City Commission on Human Rights, contends that there was a "tie-in" between the Minutemen and rumored attacks on whites by Negroes that led to racial disturbances in the East New York, Redwood, Lafayette, Bensonhurst-Gravesend and South Ozone Park areas of the city in 1966.

The raids put a temporary crimp in Minutemen plans, but they failed to break the back of the organization, even in the New York–New England area. In June 1967, five New York City Minutemen organized an assassination attempt against Herbert Aptheker, director of the American Institute of Marxist Studies and a member of the national committee of the U.S. Communist Party, whose Brooklyn campaign headquarters had already been the target of an abortive Minuteman fire-bombing. The conspirators this time planted a homemade pipe bomb on the roof of the Allerton Community and Social Center in the Bronx, directly above an upstairs room where Aptheker was scheduled to address an audience on Marxist dialectics. Due to a defective timing mechanism, the bomb exploded after the meeting, shattering a skylight above the speaker's stand and causing considerable damage to the empty auditorium. The Minutemen plotters were swiftly apprehended and their leader was sentenced to two years in prison; his four confederates—one of them the owner of a Bronx sporting-goods shop—were let off with lighter sentences.

The six Minutemen who launched a second attack on the pacifist encampment at Voluntown last summer fared no better. Once again, FBI infiltrators in their ranks had tipped off local authorities—but this time the warning almost came too late. State troopers, alerted by Federal agents to the impending raid, had stationed themselves in force at the entrance to the 40-acre farm two miles north on Route 165, but the Minutemen slipped through the cordon and surprised two women residents of the camp outside the main farmhouse. (None of the pacifists had been apprised by police of their danger.) According to one of the women, the six masked Minutemen, dressed in combat fatigues and carrying rifles with fixed bayonets, "spoke quietly, moved quietly and seemed very self-assured." The Minutemen shoved the women inside the farmhouse, bound them securely and taped their eyes and mouths, before setting forth to ransack the ground floor.

The scenario was abruptly interrupted by the belated arrival of the state troopers. The Minutemen opened fire and a brief gun battle ensued, before they threw down their weapons and surrendered. Six people were shot in the melee—one state trooper, four raiders and one of the women residents, who was wounded in the hip when a trooper's shotgun discharged as he sidestepped a Minuteman's bayonet thrust. The six men were charged with conspiracy to commit arson and assault with intent to kill. One of them was identified as chairman of his home town's Wallace for President organization; another served as [illegible] of the Wallace campaign in Norwich, Connecticut.

Minuteman chief DePugh invariably denies responsibility for such terrorist raids and claims they are carried out by local leaders without his approval. But in recent years, DePugh has encountered his own share of difficulties with the law. He was sentenced to four years' imprisonment for violations between May 1963 and August 1966 of the National Firearms Act, which makes it illegal to possess unregistered automatic weapons; he is appealing the conviction. And on March 1, 1968, a Federal Grand Jury in Seattle indicted DePugh and his chief aide, Walter Patrick Peyson, on charges of masterminding a conspiracy to dynamite the police and power stations in Redmond, Washington, as a diversionary tactic preparatory to robbing the town's three banks—all part of a bizarre plot to swell Minuteman coffers in the tradition of the early Bolshevik terrorists. Redmond's



chief of police reports that the FBI knew of the conspiracy in advance and alerted local officials.

Most such Minuteman plots have so far been aborted—or so it seems. As one Minuteman activist in Pennsylvania told a newsman: "Sure, some of the guys get caught. That's all in the game. But there are a lot of bombings—and murders—in this country that never get solved; and after the first day, you never read anything about it in the papers. We're not happy about all these convictions, but it's still just the visible tip of the iceberg."

In response to the burgeoning of Minuteman violence—reported and unreported—the legislatures of New York and California, two states that rank high in Minuteman activity, have already passed legislation outlawing all paramilitary organizations. The New York law was adopted unanimously in June 1967, after New York Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz initiated an intensive inquiry



into Minuteman activities in the state at the request of Governor Rockefeller. In his report to the governor, which galvanized the legislature into action, Lefkowitz charged that his office's ten-month probe had disclosed "shocking evidence of violence and potential guerrilla warfare" by Minutemen activists in 22 counties; for one thing, Minutemen had told state investigators they would not hesitate to assassinate such "Communist sympathizers" as Earl Warren, Hubert Humphrey and Nelson Rockefeller. Lefkowitz warned that the Minutemen were "training, reading, thinking and living guns, bombs and violence . . . actively preparing for a private war." New York State Minutemen were not dismayed at being outlawed. "This won't stop us," one Long Island Minuteman assured a reporter. "We've always been underground; we'll just burrow a little deeper now."

California proscribed the organization in the spring of 1965, after an 81-page investigative report by Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch characterized the Minutemen as a group "led by men who have publicly stated, 'When our constitutional Government is threatened, we are morally justified in resorting to violence to discourage Communists and their fellow travelers.' Notice is thus served that the decision rests with the Minuteman leadership as to what constitutes a threat to our Government and what action the Minutemen will take to counter such a threat. This presents the fantastic situation of a private citizen raising a private military force to accomplish by violence whatever objective the citizen decides in his judgment is best for the country. Such a military force is improperly labeled guerrilla; the more precise term is insurgent."

Other states, alarmed by increasing political violence, have also initiated investigations of paramilitary organizations, and a number of Congressmen have strongly urged a Federal probe of the Minutemen and affiliated groups. Such legislators have not escaped the wrath—so far only verbal—of the paramilitarists. New Jersey Representative Charles Joelson reports that after he urged a probe of Minutemen activities, he was deluged by thousands of letters accusing him not only of bad judgment and ignorance but of insanity and treason. From Cincinnati came one [illegible] indicting Joelson for being "against Christian groups fighting black African Communist control of the United States." And an anonymous letter from Colorado told him simply: "We'll get you, Lucky Boy."

Perhaps because of, rather than despite, such threats, Congressional pressure for a Federal crackdown on the Minutemen has continued, with some effect. The FBI and the Treasury Department have stepped up their efforts to infiltrate the group and nip its lethal plots. Local, city and state police, who initially treated the Minutemen as a bad joke, have also grown increasingly concerned—as demonstrated by the spiraling arrest rate of Minutemen for terrorist attacks and for illegal possession of weapons. The latter charge constitutes the Minutemen's Achilles' heel. Wally Peyson, an ex-Marine, was convicted of illegal possession of an automatic weapon in 1966; Kirk Lundhill, Jr., a founding member of the Minutemen, is now serving a term in a Federal penitentiary for attempting to sell 100 submachine guns, 5 .50-caliber machine guns, mortars, a 75-mm recoilless rifle and small arms to Federal investigators posing as representatives of a Latin-American government; and a host of lesser Minutemen have also fallen victim to the Federal Firearms Act.

But despite the surveillance of Federal, state and local police, the Minutemen's organizational effectiveness has not been appreciably impaired. Agents and informants of the FBI and the Treasury Department have succeeded in penetrating many Minutemen cadres, but the organization is structured according to the Communist Party's "cell" system. Members of one unit do not know the identity of any other Minutemen, even though they might live halfway down the block; hydralike, the group is thus able to survive the lopping off of one or more local units. Minutemen are also exhaustively trained in the techniques of clandestine intelligence and security. According to the California attorney general's report, "The Minutemen organization is designed to function as a secret underground network, and its routine operations in these times of peace are conducted along the lines of a training program for the hostilities to come. Each member is assigned a number that becomes his identification in all communications; he is warned about the use of the telephone in contacting headquarters; he is advised in the use of mail drops; he is warned to use two envelopes in organization correspondence and to place an opaque material between the inner and outer envelopes to prevent the letter from being read by means of infrared cameras; and he is instructed to employ a wide variety of stratagems and devices in security measures." Secrecy, for the Minuteman, is a way of life—to such an extent that even the national leadership does not know the membership figures.

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WESLEY ROBERT WELLS, POLITICAL PRISONER

I had less than 30 days to live. This was over 20 years ago. Charles R. Garry has given me thru his acts a new concept of love, life and freedom.



CHARLES R. GARRY, FIGHTER FOR HUMAN AND LEGAL RIGHTS

"Please bear in mind, that I entered prison a young man of 19 years of age; I left a fully matured man of thirty-two. Conditions in the free world had changed a great deal. I will be frank, I found my circumstances very difficult. I had no trade, very little education. I knew nothing about social security and such things. I had no money to obtain membership in any of the unions. I had no friends or relation to aid or advise me. Despite my resolve to go straight, and make good, I could make no progress.

"I tried hard to find a suitable job, but was unsuccessful; I couldn't seem to interest any employer. I was finally returned to prison in 1942 in San Quentin, where I was immediately placed in solitary. I was desirous of remaining at San Quentin, where one had the opportunity to study and learning a trade if one so desired. working colored inmates. He said that, there never had been any colored inmates in that department. He also said that he had a large government contract to get out; to assign colored inmates at that time to work in that department, he feared, would disrupt the effiency of the department. So, that was the end of that. I then requested an assignment at the Trades Building. I had learned that there was a welding shop up there. Again, Warden Plummer tried to assist me, but I again learnt that my past had not been forgotten, also, that "Negroes were not employed there".

"December, 1943, I was transferred to San Quentin; I obtained an interview with Warden Duffey, I requested to be permitted to complete my sentence at that prison. I told Warden Duffey that I was interested in learning a trade, and



Wesley Robert Wells, Political Prisoner — Scheduled to Die April 9, 1954

I had resolved that I would take advantage of the opportunity. But, I was soon to learn that that was not for me. I was considered a maximum security prisoner due to my past record, and was transferred to Folsom within one week.

"Arriving at Folsom I was interviewed by former Warden C. I. Plummer; I told him of the trouble I had outside trying to get a job; I made it known to him that I desired to learn some trade. The warden offered to assist me, he endeavored to get me an assignment at the machine shop but I learnt that the guard in charge of that department was not in favor of studying. He promised that I would be given an opportunity to do so. Less than thirty days, I was back in Folsom...

"The trouble that I had in Aug. of this year, which I was given an additional sentence in prison and which has me confined in solitary, is perhaps known to you in an official sort of way. At this time I haven't much to say concerning it, only to say that "I have been unjustly prosecuted, and am being unjustly treated in being confined." I feel that I was absolutely justified in what I did under the circumstances. However, I shall do my best to survive it, if only given a chance.

"Gentlemen, I humbly beseech of you that chance. I would highly appreciate it if the Adult Authority would assist me to rehabilitate myself. I feel that there is good in me; that I can and will make good if I can interest someone in my welfare. I still have confidence in myself; prison has not caused me to be bitter towards society; all that I ask of society is a chance to earn an honest living when I am free. I do not believe that I was meant to be an utter failure.

"I ask of you, Gentlemen, to grant me a transfer to San Quentin, where I can do my time in peace of mind, where I will be free of the mental strain that I've labored under since entering this prison... Due to my past record in this institution, and to the prevalent sentiment, it is inconceivable that I can live a normal prison life with no further serious trouble. Thanking you kindly in advance." (Emphasis now added)

Respectfully submitted
Wesley Robert Wells

The above letter was written to the Adult Authority in 1944, ten years ago, and even then, as the letter plainly indicates, I was in fear. The following letter was written shortly after my arrival here on condemned row, in 1947:

"Dear Mr. Wilkins: You will please forgive me for writing to you like this, but I felt a strong urge to write to someone; and after thinking over my few acquaintances, I decided to write to you.

"Things are going along fairly well for me here. You will probably not be able to understand it, but I was glad to get here...I was pretty much fed up with the way I was treated "down below"...After what I went through "down below", I'll assure you it is quite a treat to be here, even though it is condemned row.

"I am supposed to be a "harden criminal" but I really feel sorry for three fellows up here; that is, I feel exceptionally sorry for them, they are so young. Man, it just isn't right!...

"It is my intention to endeavor to broaden my mind, to think more on a constructive plane; this is a good place to do so. I can at least be "myself" here, and that is something that I haven't been able to do for quite some time...

"Hoping to hear from you soon; until then, I will close, wishing you the best of luck. Please give my best regards to Mr. Cortright, and to Dr. Day, if you should happen to see him, I am,

Very truly yours
Wesley Robert Wells"
(Emphasis added)

Well, Sir, after the metamorphosis, many years ago, I, Wesley Wells, never had a chance. I never had a chance until "Bob" Wells was doomed to die; until I was brought to condemned row. Then, slowly, began the rebirth, my reawakening. You see, Sir, it was only then did I have a chance to reclaim a modicum of dignity. Ironically, only by "living" daily, nightly, with futility and death, did I begin to have a spark of hope, hope that a miracle would take place, and that somehow I would be able to rise above the degradation, and cruelty that surrounded me for so many years; that some how, some day, I might have the opportunity to experience and enjoy "Life's Other Side"--to be the man and live the life my Maker intended. I began to think on a broader plane, to read and to study. Literature, the classics, and philosophy, opened a new world for me. I studied music, and law. I took up chess in earnest, well knowing that it would sharpen and discipline my mind. I studied all phases of the game. The more I studied, the more I learned about myself--in short, I acquired an education that I could not get any where in the world. And now, I ask myself, to what avail? For after my keepers done practically everything possible to degrade, debase, and break me, the State is now set to do legally what my keepers tried also, and failed, i.e., to destroy me. What a deplorable paradox! the State has decreed that I must die. The State is set to execute, not "Bob" Wells for he died shortly after the death sentence was pronounced against him, but to kill me, Wesley Wells, who has already experienced and suffered "hell on earth". The State is attempting to justify its decree on the basis of my so-called prison "record", contending that he, Wesley Wells, has a bad prison "record," that he is incorrigible, that he is a menace to society, etc., etc. But many doctors and psychiatrists, one of whom has known Wesley Wells personally and professionally for over a period of twenty-five years, say differently. These men of medical science will tell you that I, Wesley Wells, 'm not the Frankenstein that my so-called "record" makes me out to be, nor am I the type of man the State contends that I am. I will not undertake to inform you as to what these men of science say about Wesley Wells and his past troubles, as I understand you have already been so advised. Neither will I undertake to excuse, justify or rationalize my past prison conduct, for I feel very strongly that I have suffered and paid for every infraction of prison rules I may have been guilty of; and for many that I was not guilty of. I have scars upon my body, face and head -- not to mention the scars upon my heart and soul--scars that I'll take to my grave, that will attest to these words.

I respectfully and fervently submit, Sir, that after twelve years imprisonment, six of them 'living' here on condemned row, among the 'living dead', suffering the anguish, the heartaches, the frustrations and apprehensions of the condemned, I sincerely do believe that I have paid, and paid in full, any and every debt I may have owed to society; that I am now entitled and should be given a receipt--a pardon--marked: "Debt Paid In Full". I feel, Sir, that this appeal for my life is not, in the true sense, an appeal for mercy, but an appeal for JUSTICE. Not for life imprisonment, but a pardon. Or in the alternative, commutation to time served.

Surely the State of California dares to let me live, to give me a chance to prove that I am worthy of something better than it has accorded me these last twenty-five years; surely it is not so heartless, and so coldly unfeeling as to insist upon my life, when I have taken the life of no one. Surely justice does not mean unthinking, angry vengeance. And yet, unless you intervene, in spite of all the inequality, the injustice, the unfairness, the cruelty shown, I shall be put to death by the State, though I've killed no one...

Thanking you from the depths of my heart in advance for any consideration you may give this appeal.

Respectfully and sincerely,
Wesley Robert Wells

P.S.:

There is one matter that I have not mentioned in the body of this appeal that I do not feel I should ignore, it has been and is being said that those that are aiding me in the fight for my life are communist, radicals and/or "fellow-travelers"--whatever that means. Now, not having had any dealings or acquaintanceship, to my knowledge, with any communist, I really do not know. But I do not believe they are. I only know that I solicited the help of organizations and individuals that the strict prison regulations permit. I am sure of this, however, and that is: Rev. Haynes, Rev. Moon, Judge A. A. Scott, Walter Winchell and thousands of other equally loyal American citizens are not communist. I feel sure that the many labor organizations, Religious and other organizations, are not communist.

I feel that the sole question to this case is: Is this a case where clemency should be granted on the facts. I'm sure you are of the same opinion.

Thank you,
Wesley Robert Wells

SEE "LETTER FROM PRISON PSYCHIA - TRIST", NEXT PAGE

Mrs. Charles Garry to Speak at REVOLUTIONARY PICNIC

Woman Power is going to have a family style picnic rally at Bobby Hutton Memorial Park (Adeline between 16th and 18th Streets in Oakland, Calif.) on July 4, 1969 from 9a.m. to 6p.m. The theme will be "SOLIDARITY WITH ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE". There will be speakers and entertainment and participation from various ethnic groups. Featuring a "Redeclaration of Independence". Everyone welcome. Pack a lunch, we'll meet you there.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Woman Power
Contact 655-1791 or 653-2952

RECOGNIZING FASCISM FOR EXACTLY WHAT IT IS

PART I OF THREE PARTS

All American people and Black people in particular must recognize fascism for what it is: FASCISM IS:

THE AVARICIOUS (greedy, exploiting) BUSINESSMEN

THE DEMAGOGIC (lying, deceiving, "law and order") POLITICIAN

THE FASCIST (brutalizing, murdering, terrorizing) PIG COPS ALL right here, in America, under our very noses.

All American people who don't recognize fascism here in America are mechanically seeking to identify fascism to be somewhere else, in another country, three or four thousand miles away. Many people want to say that it has nothing to do with "our" country. They want to regulate their notions of what fascism is to Germany with Hitler, Mussolini in Italy or some other place in the world and history.

What has to begin to be understood to recognize fascism for what it is, RIGHT HERE IN AMERICA IS THIS: AMERICA is the BIRTH PLACE of fascism, even before Hitler in Germany and Mussolini in Italy. And to cite this historical fact we quote A.B. Magil and Henry Stevens from the book, THE PERIL OF FASCISM, page 198. They state:

"It is an omen (a predicted evil of what can happen here that this country gave birth to one of the earliest semi-fascist terrorist organizations in the world, the modern Ku Klux Klan. Launched November 1915, it antedated the fascisti of Mussolini and the storm troops of Hitler."

Knowing the treacherous terror and murder that the Ku Klux Klan has put forth against Black people in America and other ethnic and religious groups such as Catholics, Jewish people, and many labor organizations, one automatically recognizes one of the chief weapons of fascism; TERROR. Today terror is organized and used by this very government and it is really recognized in the many murders, acts of brutality, wich is out right intimidation and terror by the pig cops, rampant in America today.

One really sees that the government on a local, state and Federal level actually bring about the existence of the police state that exists today in America. Throughout America the terror that the Ku Klux Klan has used is now viciously used against the people by the police in America. Historically in America, other fascist and semi fascist organizations sprang up since the K.K.K. came into existence. The K.K.K. has been their prototype and most of them came into existence since 1930. And some are not known to the generations of today. From their book copywrited in 1938, Magil and Stevens state:

"...These organizations have not only drawn their inspiration from the Klan, but were in many cases founded by former Klansmen. The most spectacular and menacing of these has, of course, been the BLACK LEGION. This was a direct offshot of the K.K.K."

People have brought out the fact how Birchites and Klansmen have now become the members of the local police. People have seen how the fascist governor, Ronald Reagan goes to the firing range with the Birchites. Everyone has seen how in every major city and/or state where Black people live in wretched ghettos the police departments have doubled, trippled and quadrupled. We have also seen with this increase of fascist pigs, the mounting terror and murder which is being used against the people, their organizations who protest oppression, and especially the Black Panther Party.

The history of fascist organizations being incorporated into this government in America working on the same level today but organized within the police departments and other pig agencies such as the FBI the CIA depict and make clear the existence of "law and order" fascism. Migil and Stevens point out the Black Legion.



"The Black Legion was organized by ex-Klansmen between 1931 and 1933---. The menace of the Black Legion, however, lay not in its numbers. What gave it national significance was the particularly violent character of its activities, ITS PENETRATION INTO POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND HIGH PLACES IN CITY, COUNTY AND STATE government, its connections with the Republican Party, and the fact that it was interwoven with the ESPIONAGE SYSTEM and company unions of the automobile corporations" (our italics)

Putting together a proper understanding of how historically this fascist organization, the Black Legion and others of its kind are government organized of today, for whom "terror is a profession and murder an art", in this sense today we see murder being an ART to the extent that such well planned murders by fascist CIA AND FBI PIGS OF TODAY LIKE ALEX RACKLEY is used by the demagogic lying politicians when they try to mislead the people by lying, saying some absurd shit and blaming it on the Connecticut Panther leadership.

We find racism organized into terror and calculated plots of fascism. "On May 22, 1936, the lifeless body of Charles Poole employee of the Work Progressive Administration was found lying in a ditch. He was laying on the outskirts of Detroit. It seemed like another murder story"; On May 22, 1969, Alex Rackley's body was found in a river outside the New Haven, Connecticut. One need only recall the "Thrill" murder of George Baskett in San Francisco, which was described by witnesses from the community in court that FASCIST PIG MICHEAL O'BRIEN AFTER A DRINKING PARTY, stated that he just "wanted to know what it felt like to kill a nigger".

The situation of Black people in the United States is in many respects startingly analogous to that of the Jew in Nazi Germany. There are in fact, sections of the South where without doubt Black people are even worse off then were Jews under the Hitler dictatorship.

Terror tactics by the fascist pigs of America which are being used against the Black Panther Party since the Party's beginning, of course, (as everyone knows) is that of many kinds of intimidation. What are these many kinds of intimidation? Murder of 15 Panthers, 'Lil' Bobby Hutton, Alprentice 'Bunchy' Carter and John Huggins, Tommy Lewis and two other brothers in Los Angeles, before Alprentice 'Bunchy' Carter and John Huggins were murdered at UCLA by Black Pigs learning Terror Tactics from the FBI, CIA and Los Angeles Police Department. How many Black Panther Party offices have been busted into since the New York 21 Brothers were arrested by fascist. All of this is Terror Tactics integrated with the other chief weapon of Fascism and that is, demagogy, those lying politicians, such as the McClellan Committee using its Fascist Press the Television News, Radio, etc to mislead the people.

Bobby Seale
Chairman, Black Panther Party

next week: how to recognize demagogy, the other chief weapon of Fascism. Historically and present, and "When Does Fascism Make Its Appearance?"

BLACK YAHOO RENEGADES

A nutless wonder, devoid of either brains or brawn, has attempted to cap his short, sorry carrer as a Panther by appointing himself as Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party. Earl "the Squirrel" Anthony one-time Deputy Minister of Information for the Southern California Chapter has been running around Europe telling people that he was replacing Eldridge Cleaver, A MAN, as Minister of Information. Anyone who knows "The Squirrel" can understand that this is only as feasible as a flea raping an elephant.

According to releases from Dial Press, who seem to have been duped into publishing Earl's book on the Party, the Squirrel writes "movingly" about the Party. Dial goes on to say that his writings show how "dedicated" and "devoted" Earl is to the Party and the struggle.



We must either conclude that Dial Press is run by "illerate capitalist" and/or madmen. Maybe in his book Earl will write about the early days in the L.A. Chapter when most L.A. Panthers had neither house nor food, and we were woefully short on technical equipment. At this time Earle had an income of over $1,000 dollars a month, and didn't see the need for sharing his plush apartment or his long money.

To say that Earl was working hard to make himself un-popular would be an understatement. Earl proved to be selfish, one-sided, superficial, trifling and petty. On top of this he could not be trusted, and talked way to much to anyone stupid enough to listen.

We are looking forward to reading Earl's tiring accounts of battle, we only hope that Earl has enough nerve to let someone tell him about the struggle without causing him to faint. The deeper the shit got in L.A. the less we saw of the Squirrel. Six L.A. brothers that knew Earl to be a punk, sissy, and a coward, have died fighting the pig power structure. They agreed that he should have had his ass kicked. But the more pigs we saw the less we saw of Earl.

The Squirrel's penchant for nutty chatter would have blown anyone's mind, that was the least bit security conscious. He was especially eager to divulge priviledged information to anything in a skirt. We can only hope that if he has not found a better way to prove his manhood that he has sense enough to give up the hopeless quest.

Needless to say at the time of Earl's expulsion from the Party in September 1968 he was under arrest by the Party. He was still slick enough to leave owing the Party $250.00, (he has recently mailed two $100.00 money orders to National Headquarters), move to Europe and Scandanavia, and start promoting himself as some kind of revolutionary writer. The Squirrel is now trying to make contacts with other revolutionary organizations in preparation for another "great literary work". This classic careerist, opportunist, after having engaged in acts which endangered the Black Panther Party politically, economically, socially, and morally has now moved to branch out to other revolutionary organizations, accross the world.

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT:

1. The rape of the literary arts by a "mental flea" and the prostitution of the legitimate struggles of Black and oppressed peoples in America by a "people-pimp" has left a foul smelling afterbirth known as Earl "The Squirrel" Anthony running lose on this earth.
2. Anyone having knowledge of his whereabouts or activities is asked to forward such information to: David Hilliard
Chief of Staff
Black Panther Party National Headquarters
3106 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California
3. That Eldridge Cleaver is the only Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party and ELDRIDGE IS FREE!

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PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD
Southern California Chapter
Black Panther Party

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FREE HEALTH CLINIC

A new free clinic has opened up. It is called the Berkeley Community Clinic. It is located in the old McKinley School Building, 2418 Haste St. (between Dana and Telegraph sts.). Telephone: 548-2570

Chuck McAllister, the Administrative Director, said there is a 24 hour switchboard answering service, and 24 hour drug analyzing and identification service.

There is a 24 hour emergency care service and also several psychiatrists on call, three or four dentists on call for dental emergencies, and a Hemotologist (lab work) on call.

The Clinic is open for all general medical needs of the people with a doctor and nurse in attendance from 4pm to 9pm, Monday through Saturday. Transportation is also provided when necessary.

Volunteers are needed -- doctors, nurses, receptionists and other personnel. Also donations are needed, both of money and supplies.

The purpose of the clinic is to serve all the people.
POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

FASCIST PIGS



Fascism is Born Through Lying Politicians.



Fascists Use Chemical Warfare Against the People.



Fascist Pigs Are Owned by the Banks, Trusts and Monopolies.



The Key Tool Against Fascism in America is Community Control of Police.



Fascism Turns Worker Against Worker



U. S. Storm Troops Enjoy Their Work as did the Nazis



Fascism, the Bloodthirsty Result of Finance Capital.



Fascist Pigs Brutalize the People.

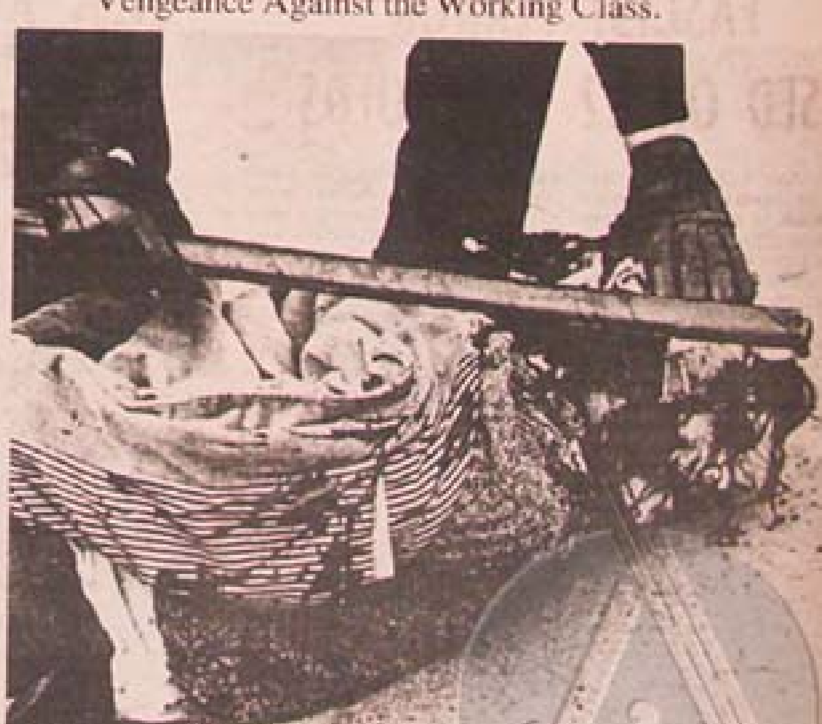


Extermination Follows Vacillation.



Fascism is the Organization of Terrorist Vengeance Against the Working Class.





FASCIST PIG TACTICS



WIFE OF N.Y. POLITICAL PRISONER BEATEN BY FASCIST PIGS AND SWINDLED BY PIG LAWYER

Fascism, the power of finance capital, manifests itself in many ways. It can come in the form of a fascist pig cop kicking down your door at 5:00 a.m. in the morning, (like it did on April 2, 1969 when pigs vamped on Curtiss Powells' home, harassed and brutalized his wife and as a direct result, her baby was born prematurely and died) or it can come in the form of carnivorous lawyers, who sit back and prey on the latest miscarriage of justice.

On May 23, 1969, Lynia Powell engaged the services of "attorney" Samuel J. Siegel. According to some fools who are incarcerated with Brother Curtiss, Attorney Siegel, was supposed to be a bad "Maryland farmer" in the courtroom. This erroneous information was related to Sister Powell, and she went to Attorney Siegel.

After reading the indictment against the N.Y. Panther 21, Pig Siegel said, "Oh, this is nothing. Your husband is as innocent as a lamb." "We'll have him out in no time". The next day, Lynia called Punk Siegel to see whether or not he was following through on the case, and Siegel began to question Brother Powell's sanity. He wanted to know if Curtiss was 'abnormal'. What this has to do with the most blatant 'conspiracy' since the Reichstag Fire Trials, has not been learned yet. However, the imbecile did have enough sense to know that 'the defendants were not the real criminals' and that 'the indictment was written by a madman'.

Siegel demanded $500.00 as a retainer fee before he would even go and see Brother Curtiss. After receiving the $500.00, and swearing that he could have the brother on the street in a week's time, Pig Siegel went to see Brother Curtiss the next day. Upon returning from his visit to the men's house of detention, avaricious Siegel demanded $700.00 more.

Not only did the slick pig lawyer beat the sister for $1,200.00, the swine dog was utterly incompetent. Wh[illegible] he was asked to come to court when the 21 were appearing, Pig Siegel didn't show because he "thought it wasn't necessary". And when the fool did show up, he showed up on the wrong day. He wasn't even on the job enough to know the case had been postponed. Moreover, the charlatan was in the wrong part of the courthouse.

This is a clear example of a flim flam artist of the highest order. The fascist vulture layed in prey and took full advantage of sister Powell's inexperience and took her for $1,200.00.

At present, Pig Siegel still doesn't know what's happening and he still is running down the same con game.

FASCIST TERROR USED ON 12 YEAR OLDS

Chicago, June 7 (Fred News Service)-- On Sunday, June 1, police were called to the William Penn Elementary School at 1616 S. Avers by a watchman who said a burglary was being committed. When the police arrived, the three youths who the watchman had seen had fled. However, they discovered 6 other black youths gambling in a doorway of the school and arrested them. At the time, a 12-year old black girl was in the school playground and began crying as the police arrested the young men. When the girl wouldn't stop crying, she was slapped by Patrolman K. E. Januszyk, Star #4484. When the six youths were brought into the 10th district piggen, they were charged with burglary at the insistance of Lt. Joseph M. Cavanaugh. A black sargeant and a patrolman argued with Cavanaugh explaining to him that the 6 had been brought in because they were gambling and that they were not involved in the burglary complaint, but Cavanaugh insisted that they be charged with burglary and they were. Cavanaugh used racial slurs and profanity when speaking to the arrested youths. When Mrs. Mollie Beals, 26 went to the station to inquire about the young men, she spoke to Cavanaugh who again used profanity towards her and refused to give her any information. Robert Hill, 22, came in the station to complain about Januszyk striking his sister (the 12 year old) at the time of the arrest. At first Hill and his companions were shoved out the door by the pigs, but later they allowed him to enter the station. Hill spoke to Cavanaugh and said that he wanted to speak to Januszyk, Cavanaugh told him to wait until the arrestees had been charged. Hill did wait, and finally got to see Januszyk. While Hill was talking to Januszyk he was told by Cavanaugh to leave Januszyk alone. During the conversation Januszyk told Hill "I don't want to be bugged by any little sister." Next, a pig known as "Gloves" (because he wears black leather gloves) told Hill and his companions that they were complaining the wrong way. When asked what the right way was, Gloves replied, "I'm not going to tell you bastards". Gloves then put on his gloves and shouted, "You bastards, get the fuck out of here". "You must don't know who the fuck I am, I will lock all you bastards up." At this point other pigs arrived on the scene brandishing shotguns and billy-clubs and forced everyone out of the pig station. The mother of one of the arrested youths later located the three young men involved in the burglary. She told the police about it but they still refused to drop the burglary charges against the six. Complaints have been "filed" with the IID.

PIG GETS JAIL SENTENCE FOR BEATING CITIZEN

Chicago, June 10 (Fred News Service)--In July 1968 two policemen arrested Salvatori Petramala, 29 for traffic violations. Petramala in turn filed battery charges against the policemen, Richard Jennings and David Penn. Since then 1) the initial records filed on the arrest have disappeared; 2) Jennings was suspended for 30 days in a second hearing on the charges (the first was rejected by the civil service commission); 3) the charges were investigated by the 14 district commander rather than the IID which has handled all other police brutality charges; and 4) Jennings was found guilty of aggravated battery in a jury trial and sentenced to four months in the County Jail by Circuit Court Magistrate Paul Garrity. What bizarre set of circumstances could have led to this unusual action on the part of the city's police courts? The explanation is simple. 1) Patrolman Jennings is black. 2) Salvator Petramala is white. 3) Salvatore Petramala is the nephew of 28th ward alderman Joseph Jambrone. Bad luck Patrolman Jennings! Gerrity gave Jennings until July 9 to come up with a $1,500 appeal bond or its off to the can.

PIGS BLIND BLACK YOUTH

Chicago, June 8 (Fred News Service)--The Evanston Human Relations Commission is investigating an April 27 shooting of a 19 year old black burglary suspect by a white Evanston pig. Bruce Williams was shot in the head and subsequently blinded following a reported burglary of an Evanston jewelry store. Williams' mother charges that the Evanston police did not notify her of the shooting and that they held her 15 year old son (also arrested for burglary) for 4 hours before releasing him to her. She further charged that Evanston Hospital operated on Bruce without notifying her, that Bruce was transferred to Cook County Hospital without notification. A hearing board member testified he visited Evanston Hospital on the day sheriff's police transferred Bruce to Cook County Hospital. He offered to ride along to keep Bruce from falling off the bench in the paddy wagon, but the sheriff's police said another handcuffed prisoner could do that. Prior to the Commission's third hearing Thursday, June 12, sixty blacks marched through downtown Evanston to the police station and then to City Hall where the hearing was being held. In Thursday's testimony Bruce's attending physician from Evanston Hospital said that Bruce was not competent when Judge [illegible] Marlay of Evanston Court came to the hospital and arraigned him. Williams had been in a coma for 5 days. The Commission will subpoena police and hospital officials to testify, too.

"DARE TO STRUGGLE, DARE TO WIN"

When the oppressor makes a vicious attack against freedom fighters because of the way such freedom fighters choose to go about their liberation, then we know that we are moving in the right direction of our liberation. The racist dog oppressor have no rights which oppressed Black people are bound to respect. The racist mad dog oppressor fears the armed people; they fear most of all Black people armed with weapons and especially the ideology of the Black Panther Party. The Black Panther Party has clearly drawn a clear line of demarcation between the oppressor and the oppressed. This is why the Denver Pig Department and the Super Pigs (FBI) has stepped up the repression and harassment of Black people, in particular the Black Panther Party. It is because of the ideology of the Black Panther Party, and the educating of the people against this fascist, racist, capitalistic power structure. The main goal of the power structure is to completely eliminate any and all revolutionaries by any means necessary. A 'bust' is just to keep the brothers and sisters off the street to suppress the truth.

Robert Landon Williams and Rory Hithe are being held political prisoners at Denver County Jail. Being known Panthers, they are in isolation, as are all Panthers, because they are considered 'dangerous' regardless to what the charges are. Landon and Rory have refused to clean the filthy pig pen due to the fact that they are being held political prisoners because they were arrested without warrant of arrest or a warrant of search and there is no proof of the accused crimes. Landon Williams and Rory Hithe are now in an 8 X 10 cell, (smaller than an animal's cage in a zoo). To try to exterminate them, they have put them on bread and water with no commissary priviledges, to starve them to death. Even an animal is bathed; they aren't even allowed showers, although only two (2) are permitted a week. Any and all mail is denied whether incoming or outgoing.

The latest in a series of attempts at suppression and extermination of the Black Panther Party is the jive-ass bust of Lauren Watson, Deputy Minister of Defense for the Black Panther Party, Rev. Russ Simpson, and Chauncey Booker, they were busted on some jive-ass trumped up charges of carrying a concealed weapon on Sunday morning, June 15, 1969, at approximately 3:15 a.m. These brothers were harassed and arrested without even a gun in their possession. After they were booked, the pigs had 'manufactured' a gun. Lauren Watson and Chauncey Booker are under medication from the doctor. These jive-ass motherfuckers, the pigs, refused to let them have their medicine. This was hopefully a means of 'exterminating' them through absence of medicine. Today they were taken to Denver General Hospital. Still no medication had been provided.

The oppressor, the endorsed spokesmen, and the 'implacables' (revolutionaries who refuse to be cowered or intimidated by the system) form three points of a triangle of death. The oppressor looks upon the endorsed spokesman as a tool to use against the 'implacables' to keep the masses passive within the 'acceptable' limits of the tactics he is capable of containing. The endorsed spokesman look upon the oppressor as a guardian angel who can always be depended upon to protect them from the wrath of the implacables, while he looks upon the implacables as dangerous and irresponsible 'madmen' who by angering the oppressor, will certainly provoke a blood bath in which they themselves might get washed away. The power structure has endorsed those Black leaders who have reduced themselves to nothing more than 'apologizing parrots'. The oppressors sponsor radio programs, give space in their racist newspapers (N.A.A.C.P., C.O.R.E., etc.) and have shown them the luxury enjoyed only by the oppressor. The Black leaders serve the oppressor by purposely keeping the people submissive and passive--non-violent.

The Black leaders endorsed by the power structure have attempted to sell the people the simple-minded theory that politics is holding a political office; being able to move into a $40,000 home; being able to sit near white people in a restaurant (while in fact the Black masses have not been able to afford the rent of a $40.00 rat-infested hovel).

You the Black bourgeoise and petty bourgeoise sit on your stupid asses abstracting about some godamned freedom through submission, while everyday Black people, Red people, Brown people, White people, and Yellow people are being murdered by this fascist, system under the guise of a democratic society, the U.S. government of America. Open up your motherfucking grease soaked eyes and wipe the chicken grease and the steak grease off your tomming lips. This is not a race struggle this is a class struggle; the oppressed against the oppressor, be it white capitalist or black capitalist, because he's an exploiter of the people.

The Black Panther Party must engage in activities that will teach Black people. The oppressor must be harassed until his doom and he must have no peace by day or night.

LETTERS FROM PRISON

AFENI

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

I am writing this letter to my people, upon learning of the Sacramento incident. I was neither shocked nor surprised that the "defenders of law and order" had broken into another Panther office, destroyed more food intended for the Free Breakfast Program, shot up another office, and tortured and kidnapped more Panthers. I have long since recognized the elements inside of the Nations Police Force - they parallel those of Hitler's Gestapo Forces. Panthers have been saying these things for three years and have been called "cop-haters". How naive of society to even entertain the thought that I have time to hate anyone. Hate is a disease which eats away the brain. I have no time for such nonsense.

Along comes the mayor, after being challenged by the Deputy Minister of Defense of Sacramento, to survey the results of his 'heroes'! You know what he says? He's shocked! Well I am just too through! Am I to believe that every time the authorities are presented with their atrocities they are truly shocked? And, of course, that makes it better. The conscience is cleared and the Gestapo troops can move on with more terrorism. I'm sure A. Eichman was also shocked! When the church in Alabama was bombed and those children massacred, they were shocked! When Martin L. King was murdered they were 'truly shocked'. When Malcolm was murdered, they were shocked, but we were not!

The Free Breakfast Program is becoming a relevant part of Black Communities now and I'm sure the politicians don't like that, after all if they want to hand out scraps of garbage - fine - but never should People feed their children good food themselves, especially with the Black Panther Party in the Vanguard.

Well-up against the wall Mother Fuckers!! Cause this is a stick-up- All power is going to the people - whether you like it or not.

Right on Brothers and Sisters! And remember, the whole thing is a thing of mind over matter: I don't mind and the pigs don't matter.

Victory and Solidarity in the Struggle!

FROM: Afeni O. Shakur

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FROM: Black Panther Party

Rikers Island Section

Power Brothers and Sisters,

I am an inmate of Rikers Island. I had the opportunity to tap to brothers Katara and Jamal. I, myself, am but another victim of a fascist court system. I have been tricked by this pig system into giving seven years of my life to them. But this is not the first time these fascist pigs have taken me from my loved ones. I recieved three years for my first arrest which in itself was an injustice. I now can see that it's not just against the Black Panther Party and other freedom fighters but against the entire people. I like to encourage all oppressed peoples to stand and fight for their freedom, now, before the pigs can enact their genocide war against the oppressed people of America and the world.

I would like to commend the Party on its Breakfast Program which shows the people one way to gain point one of the Ten Point Program.

I say "Power" to the Vanguard, and I hope you will continue the struggle until all Ten Points are gained.

All Power to the People
Solidarity in the Struggle

Tis-oop

YOU CAN INDICT A REVOLUTIONARY BUT YOU CAN'T INDICT A REVOLUTION



LANDON

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

Well they have us confined in an 8X10 cell, that's very dimly lighted. These stupid buffoon pigs have cut off our commissary and letter writing priviledges, won't let us take any showers and have us on bread and water for refusing to clean up their funky pig pen. To further show the mentality of the pig, while we were seeing our lawyer today, these greasy mangy pigs snuck into our cell and stole our bread. So much for the pig. We saw the latest issues of the paper today. You brothers and sisters are doing a beautiful job and Rory and I become stronger and stronger everyday. These buffoons will will never be able to get us blown no matter what they do. We heard on the news yesterday that the Egyptians say that 1969 will be the Year of Liberation. Everyday let's send them a care package in the form of our continued resistance. The letters from our brothers who are in these pigs' mercenary army were beautiful. Each Panther should make it their duty to send some issues of the paper to any of our brothers that they know of who are in the Pigs' army. The days of the imperialists are numbered; everyday they become weaker and weaker. America is pregnant with revolution. I hope everyone is strengthening their political education, waging active ideological struggle. Continue to persevere in the struggle and we'll all be together on the day of liberation.

FREE HUEY FREE THE N.Y. 21 FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

Landon Williams

TO RORY

Ammunition strapped across the chest
And gun in hand
We love you Rory, revolutionary man
I remember you well from the silence of night
Laying there beside me
Knowing nothing of fright,
Your honesty is in your smile
And the bounce you have when you talk
I remember the arrogance you show in your walk
We used to sit and talk
About cups of uncarbonated blood
That will flood
This hypocrisy called democracy
We spoke about the songs revolution brings
And getting Bar-B-Q
Rory, my heart is filled with thoughts of you
Revolutionary woman,
Revolutionary man
The people as our catalyst
Revolution as our guide
Huey's teachings in our minds
Comrades in arms side by side.

MARSHA



RORY

All power to the people! Long live the Minister of Defense! And long live the peoples revolutionary Vanguard Party!! They've kidnapped me and Landon and have now thrown us in isolation cells on bread and water. All reactionaries on the verge of extinction inevitably conduct a last desperate struggle against the revolutionary forces. And we will not be deluded by an outward strength because we know of their inner weakness. When the pigs kidnapped us, Landon was teaching P.E. class at the Denver office. The rest of the brothers and sisters were able to get out before they dropped two cannisters of poisonous gas 'C.S'. But we know that these attempts and all others by imperialism are doomed to defeat!! They can jail revolutionaries but they can't jail the people's revolution!! This is historical materialism, standing in opposition to this viewpoint is historical idealism! The pigs will try anything fail, try again, fail until their doom!! This also is historical materialism. So Landon and I say to all revolutionaries and potential revolutionaries, because there are no late comers to the revolution, "The dark clouds will sometimes appear but we must point out that they are only temporary, so we say continue to serve the people, move things from a lower level to a higher level. And pick up the gun! As our Minister of Defense has said, and still points this out to us, "If you don't believe in lead you're already dead!"

PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD. Rory Hithe

FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS

THE POWELLS: TOOLS IN THE HANDS OF THE FASCISTS



LARRY AND JEAN POWELL

The fascists in Germany came to power in the 1930's after they had succeeded in creating an hysterical anticommunist atmosphere. The forces of fascism -- the imperialists, finance capitalists, and large agriculturalists were able to create a fascist state through the use of their two most important weapons against the people: demagogy and terrorism. The "social democrats", who, would today be equal to our "liberal establishment politicians," sold the masses of the people down the river. In the name of anti-communism, and so-called "democracy", they sat back and watched the fascists take over without aligning themselves with the progressive and revolutionary forces in Germany (the Communist Party) to oppose fascism. They opportunistically thought (of course they were thinking only of themselves) that if they played it cool and didn't get in bad with the Nazis, that maybe the Nazis would leave them alone when they came into power. So, that's what they did, they played it "cool", and they aided the Nazis' coming to power. What they didn't reckon on, though, was the Nazis' throwing them entirely out of the ruling circles and even into the concentration camps along with the communists; because after the Nazis were in power, they no longer had any use for the liberals, so they were disposed of just like everybody else. Trying to straddle the fence didn't work too well for them then, just as it won't work too well for liberals in the United States. They will either have to take an active stand with the anti-fascist forces in the U.S., or they will be taking a stand which supports the fascists in this country, which in the end, is not in their interests. Vacillation paves the road for fascism.

Fascism comes in different guises, and we the people must be wise to all the different guises of fascism so that we can detect it and expose it to all the people before it's too late. In Germany the fascists talked anti-communism. In the United States, the fascists talk about their so-called "law and order". What kind of "law and order" is there in a society in which millions of black, brown, red, and white people go hungry every day? What kind of law and order is there in a society which sends its youth (the sons of the workers, of the poor and oppressed people of this country) to war in Southeast Asia to fight the poor and oppressed people over there? Are the American men in Vietnam fighting a war over there for the sake of "law and order"? NO! They are fighting a war over there which is in the interests of the ruling classes in this country and no one else! Can we talk about "law and order" in a society where every day we of the Black Panther Party are confronted with new frame-ups against our members, when our offices are being vamped on, our pregnant sisters beaten, our unborn babies murdered? We say that there is not "law and order" in this society, and there never was. "Order" for whom? There was no "order" for the slaves, and there has never been "law and order" for the toiling masses—every time the workers in this country have militantly struck in order to get some of their basic demands, they have been met with violence. Any time the people of this country organize to obtain their fundamental desires and needs, they have been met with force. Who is it that has dished out this violence? Who is it that disrupts the "law and order" of our society? THE FASCIST RULING CLASS!! WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT THE SO-CALLED "VIOLENT NATURE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, THEY ARE REALLY TALKING ABOUT THE CLASS CONTRADICTIONS WHICH ARE REFLECTED IN THE VIOLENCE OF OUR SOCIETY. The pig power structure is the force that dishes out violence. The pig power structure has been wantonly murdering the peoples of our communities for too long. For the fascist pig ruling class, "law and order" means the continued peaceful exploitation and oppression of a submissive people. "Law and order" for them is slavery for us.

Now, these filthy fascist pigs have the nerve to hold a demagogic Senate Investigation Hearing against the Black Panther Party. And THEY'RE calling US hoodlums!! The same pigs that have been murdering our people daily, illegally vamping on our offices, breaking into our homes and stealing breakfast for school children money, these same pigs have the nerve to call us hoodlums!!

A big difference between the conditions of today and the conditions in Germany when Hitler took over is that in Germany the main revolutionary force was the Communist Party which, although it had a lot of support among the youth, was strongest among older people. Here in America, the main revolutionary force at this time is the youth. The Black Panther Party, The Young Lords, SDS, etc.--we are all mainly young people. And, many of us used to be in gangs. Yes, we used to be on the streets. We used to rebel against this exploitative society by "doing our own thing", individualistically, and not politically. But we started getting wise. We started investigating the situation more thoroughly, and our leaders, like Huey P. Newton taught us how to think objectively, analyze our problems, and we learned that the problems weren't ours as individuals', but were rather the problems of society. The only way we could solve them was by understanding our position in society and by serving the people wholeheartedly. So, we turned away from gang fights. Today, in Chicago, there aren't gang wars any more. We've definitely advanced to a higher stage. And we know that we are not one another's enemy... We know that our real enemy is this fascist pig power structure which we run up against every day in the form of the demagogic politicians, the fascist pig police and the avaricious businessmen. So, naturally, the more we get together, the more our enemy, the pig power structure, gets uptight. They are escalating the use of their two main weapons-terrorism and demagogy.

When some of us were in gangs, they practically left us alone. Now that we are organized political forces, they have decided to start their campaign (for example: Chicago's Mayor Daley) against "crime". NOW, when we have become a real threat to them, they want to wipe us out, pretending that they are for the maintenance of "law and order". They know full well that they have to use demagogy, and they have to try to destroy the revolutionary forces through lies, because only by using slanders do they have the slightest chance of getting the support of the people. So, they use DEMAGOGY to try to deceive the people. Demagogy is the ugly art of playing on the hopes and fears, the emotions and the ignorance of the poor and suffering masses for the benefit of the rich and powerful few. It is the meanest of arts. It is the art of fascism. Gangsters generally do go against the interests of the people. Pimps exploit the people, dope peddlers exploit the people. It is this vicious, exploitative, fascist society which makes these people what they are. This we understand. But the Black Panther Party opposes pimping off the people, we oppose gang warfare, we oppose exploiting the people. Because the only way to combat this system is through organized, disciplined, political action, and this is why we purged out of our ranks all of those members who took part in irresponsible activities after they knew better, after they had learned to relate to serving the people, and working in a disciplined fashion.

The pig power structure wants to destroy us. They can't do that by telling the truth, so they lie. Unfortunately, they occasionally find people from our communities who they can use as tools in obtaining their evil ends. Unfortunately, there are people who have let themselves be bought off by the pig power structure. They are fools. For some bribe, they have put themselves in the position of betraying their people. For some small sum of money or small favor (like possibly being let out of the pig pen a few years earlier), they have sold their people down the river by mouthing the lies of the pig power structure before some low-lying "investigating committee". JEAN AND LARRY POWELL ARE SUCH PEOPLE. We do not consider them to have an ounce of womanhood or manhood left in them. They are mere puppets, and their every act is determined by the direction in which the demagogic politicians of this country pull the strings. It is an ugly thing. They have taken their stand, and it is not with the people; rather, they have chosen to let themselves be used by the powers that be. The Black Panther Party is not going to worry about them. They are powerless fools who have proven themselves to be counter-revolutionaries, and they have betrayed the people. AND WE KNOW THAT HISTORY IS ON THE SIDE OF THE PEOPLE!!

BERT

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!

FASCISTS THREE



DICKY THE TRICK — J. EDGAR HOG — LARRY POWELL

UNTIL THE LAST FASCIST IS SHAKEN FROM THE CRUMBLING POWER STRUCTURE, THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE RIGHT THERE TO LICK THIER BOOTS AND BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THE VANGUARD PARTY...

"In the old days, human genius, the brain of man, created only to give some the benefits of technology and culture, and to deprive others of the bare necessities, education and development. *From now on all the marvels of science and the gains of culture belong to the nation as a whole, and never again will man's brain and human genius be used for oppression and exploitation*....The working people will perform this titanic historical feat, for in them lie dormant the great forces of revolution, renaissance and renovation."

V. I. Lenin, Collected Works Vol. 26
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REVOLUTION AND EDUCATION



ELDRIDGE CLEAVER MINISTER OF INFORMATION B.P.P.

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REVOLUTION AND EDUCATION

It is the duty of any society to see to it that every individual in that society is invested with the human heritage and provided with the technology, the skills, and the knowledge that will enable him to cope with his environment, to survive and to live a good life. This is the duty of the society to provide that, just as it is the duty of the society to provide the highest level of medical assistance, housing and also employment, every benefit that exists in society, it's the duty of the government to provide that. And as long as the government is not providing that, it is not worthy of existing, and under our form of government, which is called representative democracy, it is not possible to provide this, it is not possible for a capitalistic economy to provide a universal education for the people. What it has been providing is universal brainwashing that masquerades as universal education, the quality of the education is contemptible, it's inhumane, and it's only geared to provide a level of intelligence or a level of competence that will enable the product of the educational system to become war material, to be exploited by the capitalistic economic entities within the United States.

So what we're into today is not only sitting back and criticizing, but actively reaching out and challenging the authority of those who control the various institutions in society, not simply challenging this authority, but by actively moving to disrupt the functioning of these facilities and to in fact take control of these facilities, so that the people will have the power to administer these facilities in the best interests of the community as a whole, and no longer in the interest of the crosswork monopolies that are being administered by racists and by pigs who only want to exploit people and sentence people to be cogs in a wheel. In the final analysis, the struggle that is now going on, on the college campuses, cannot be settled on the college campuses, it has to be settled in the community, because those that sit on the boards of administration of the colleges do not derive their power from the fact that they're sitting on the board but rather, they sit on the board because they have power in the community. Their power is based in the economic institutions of society and other institutions that are part of the power structure, and because of their relation to these sources of power, they're able to be appointed to these positions of administration. So that we have to destroy their power in the community, and we're not reformists, we're not in the movement to reform the curriculum of a given university or a given college or to have a Black Student's Union recognized at a given high school. We are revolutionaries, and as revolutionaries, our goal is the transformation of the American social order.

In order to transform the American social order, we have to destroy the present structure of power in the United States, we have to overthrow the government. For too long we've been intimidated into not speaking out clearly what our task is, our task is the overthrow of the government, it has to be understood as being nothing but the instrument of the ruling class. The courts, the congress, the legislature and the executive branches of the state and federal government are nothing but instruments in the hands of the ruling class, to see after the affairs of the ruling class, and to conduct the life of society in the interest of the ruling class. So we're out to destroy this, to smash this machinery and to erect new machinery, but new machinery cannot be erected until the present machinery is destroyed. It is not the task of revolutionaries to keep their heads up in the sky, wondering about what they would do, when they're in power, what they have to do at the present time is to have their mind centered on destruction, we're out to destroy the present machinery of the ruling class, that is our task and that's what we must be about. And we say that we will do this by any means necessary. We must do this by the only means possible, because the only means possible is the means that's necessary, and the only means possible is the violent overthrow of the machinery of the oppressive ruling class. That means that we will not allow the ruling class to use brutality and force upon us, without using the same force and brutality upon them. We must destroy their institutions from which they derive their power, a given college president may have his power as a result of being involved in a corporation. We must attack him on the campus but we must also pursue him off campus and attack him in his lair, the lair of his power, in his corporations, this could be through boycotts of the products of that corporation, or through the physical destruction of the property of that corporation, or the physical alienation of him as an individual.

We must not get into a bag of thinking that we're involved in a game, a revolution is not a game, it is a war. We're involved in a war - a people's war against those who oppress the people, and this is the war in the clearest sense of the word. It is only that our resistance is under-developed, the repression is over-developed and it is our resistance that is under-developed, because the ruling class has arsenals of the materials of war to unleash upon us, and they're only using these timid materials at this particular time, because our resistance to their aggression has heretofore been timid.





Fred Hampton, Deputy Chairman, Ill. Chapter B. P. P. is one of 16 party members indicted by a fascist grand jury on charges ranging from kidnapping to unlawful use of weapons.

LETTER FROM A POLITICAL PRISONER

May 26, 1969

As I sit here this morning awaiting to be sentenced in a very few hours, my mind is on one thing and one thing only; that is, the international proletarian revolution must go on and that no one feel sorry for me.

If I'm told to serve life, then I'm prepared to do that. I have no life to give other than a life for the people. LET ALL TESTS OF REVOLUTION CONFRONT ME. "THOSE THAT I AM NOT READY FOR I WILL BECOME READY FOR. PEOPLE UNITE."

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SDS NATIONAL CONVENTION COMPLETE LAST NIGHT IN CHICAGO PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM SDS FOR FAILURE TO SUPPORT THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY THE NLF AND OTHER REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE THE CONVENTION HAS VOTED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASICM MARK RUDD IS NEW NATIONAWL SECRETARY BILL AYERS NEW EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY AND JEFF JONES NEW INTERORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY FREE HUEY

JEFF JONES INTERORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY.

SDS.

NY Panther 21 trial postponed



By Chris Robinson

Lawyers for 14 of the Panther 21 argued in court last week that Manhattan District Attorney Frank S. Hogan should be arrested, and replaced by a temporary district attorney.

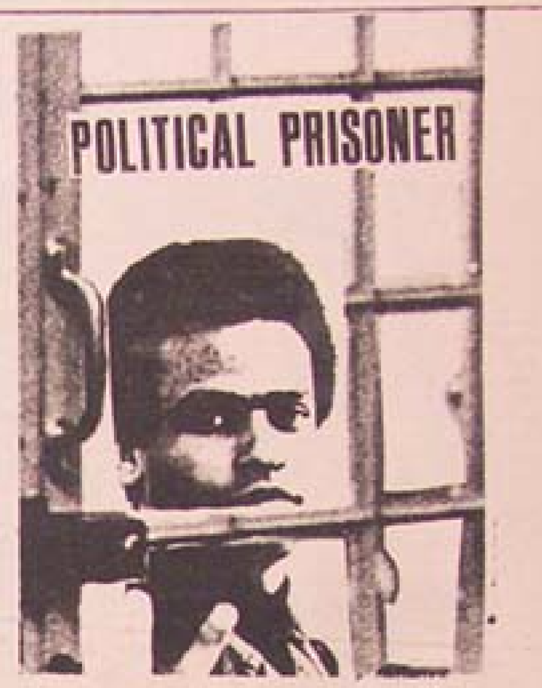
The 21 members of the Black Panther party, charged with conspiring to bomb several department stores, police stations, the Bronx Botanical Gardens and a section of railroad tracks, accused Hogan of being the source of inflammatory publicity prejudicial to their case. Defense lawyer Arthur Turco argued that Hogan should be replaced because he "cannot present evidence against himself."

The accusation was leveled June 13 in New York City's criminal courts building while several hundred Panther supporters demonstrated outside.

The trial was to open June 11, but defense lawyers presented eight motions to be argued prior to the trial. These motions call for dismissal of all charges due to premature and prejudicial publicity, suppression of wiretap and other electronic evidence and the trial of two defendants as youthful offenders because they are minors. The trial has now been postponed indefinitely, while defense motions are argued. Presentation of the motions is to resume June 26.

The brief June 11 court session was attended by 200 Panther supporters, who packed the courtroom. They were backed up by 500 more demonstrators outside the building. New York Supreme Court Justice John M. Murtagh allowed defense lawyers to meet with their clients for the first time as a group (the 14 Panthers are being held in seven different jails) and then adjourned the case for two days.

Defense attorney Gerald Lefcourt appeared before seven judges of the New York court of appeals in Albany June 12, to argue for a reduction in the Panthers' bail, now set at $100,000 each. Lefcourt said he did not expect any state court to grant a reduction, and that he thought the bail "is obscenely unconstitutional."



TRIBUTE TO HUEY

I cannot help but say that Huey P. Newton is the baddest mother-fucker to set foot inside of history. Huey has a very special significance to Black people, because of four hundred years of repression at the hands of this decadent American society.

Black people have been wanting to do exactly what Huey P. Newton did. That is to stand up to this fascist, Pig Society, and defy that deadly Opressor and to tell that Oppressor that we will not accept the aggression and brutality. Huey P. Newton as a man is motivated by a deep and burning sensation and concern for Black people in particular and oppressed in general. Huey recognized the problems of the oppressed and put forth an effort in seeking the solutions. He recognized the fact that it is going to take a very fundamental action on a revolutionary level to motivate the people into over-throwing the oppressor and to take a revolutionary stand against this decadent fascist system that is oppressing us.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD
FREE HUEY!
FREE THE PANTHER 21!
FREE THE CONN. 8!
FREE THE CHICAGO 8!
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

Eugen Essex
White Plains Branch of the Black Panther Party



CHARLES BURSEY

JUDGE DENIES WELLS' MOTION BURSEY'S TRIAL TO START JUNE 25TH.

Warren Wells, suspended member of the Black Panther Party, appeared in Court on June 23rd to present a motion to the Court that he be immediately tried for a third time or be set free. Attorney Charles R. Garry asked the Court to release Warren Wells without bail, since he, Wells has no means of raising money. Asst. D.A., Attorney Lowell Jenson questioned Wells as to his source of income before he went to jail. Attorney Garry asked that the date set for Charles Bursey be used to bring Warren Wells to trial for the third time. Charles Bursey is free on bail stemming from the same incident in which the fascist Oakland pigs attacked members of the Black Panther Party, killing Bobby Hutton, and wounding Eldridge Cleaver.

Attorney Garry made it quite clear that he had Charles Bursey's permission to go ahead with Wells' third trial on the date on which he was set to go. After having all the motions and the constitutional rights of Warren Wells, the presiding fascist judge simply denied them all.

Charles Bursey goes to trial Wednesday, June 25th at the Alameda County Court at 12th and Fallon Streets in Oakland. The Black Panther Party is asking all people, workers, students, what have you, to come down to the courthouse and stand up to demand that all political prisoners be set free.

Dynamite

BLACK CAPITALIST IN L.A.

Black Panther Newspaper
3106 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

We who are writing this letter are several concerned brothers and sisters in the Black community of Los Angeles, who wish to enlighten the Black people in the city of Los Angeles to a certain business establishment within their midst that is capitalizing off them and robbing them on the side also.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Those of you who live in the city of Los Angeles, beware of "Creators Playhouse". Creators Playhouse is a Black capitalist business establishment located at 4350 W. Adams Blvd. They carry dashikis, Afro art, monkeys, posters, the Black Panther Party newspaper, M.S. newspapers, and other things. The only things that are worth the money that you pay for them are the books and newspapers. The rest of the junk is inferior mess, picked up from Tijuana, Mexico, or bargain circus, which is in turn sold to the Black community at ridiculous prices. The majority of the Black community goes in only to sight-see and window shop because the inferior merchandise is too high for the average Black person to afford. The niggers who operate this "chamber of Black capitalism" are a bunch of game-running niggers who were in the streets several years ago, running games on brothers and sisters and exploiting the masses for their own personal gain. These niggers saw that during the "Black awakening" that they could take their capitalistic schemes from the streets and gutters they wallowed in, into a crookedness behind a "buy Black, patronize your Black brother FRONT".

These chitterling brained, Uncle Remus grinning, ass chocking bell bottom wearers, El Dorado riding coon-coach niggers are not satisfied with including the Black community in pig Nixon's Black capitalism program. To top it all off, these Black capitalist, vulturistic, money hungry maniacs make the community pay the price when their business is bad by going out and stealing from the Black people in the community and selling the stolen goods back to the people in the community, plus swindling righteous brothers and sisters who are unaware of their money making games frosted with slime, in order satisfy their own selfish, personal, opportunist, coon-coach riding selves.

ALL POWER TO THE MIGHTY WARRIORS OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY
DESTRUCTION TO ALL STATUS-QUO COON-COACH RIDING NIGGERS

Citizens of L. A. - Brother Bruce Cane, Sister Anna Mae Wilson, Sister Phyllis Jones, Donna Hall, Brother Samuel Pierson

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BAIL MONEY NEEDED
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WHAT'S WHAT IN AMERICA?

BULLETIN, BULLETIN, BULLETIN, be on the look out for FASCISM. It's a nation wide cancer which is spreading rapidly throughout the American and Foreign countries, if it is not stopped immediately it will kill all that oppose it.

It is hiding in the form of LAW AND ORDER. The Rascist, Fascist Pig Power Structure is constantly conspiring to commit murder on all oppressed people and those who lift a hand to help end the crimes committed against the people. It has worked from the underground for centuries, but by the Black Panther Party exposing Capitalism and Rascism, it has forced Fascism to show its hand. It is necessary for the oppressed people of the world to unite before it is to late.

The Fascist Pig Power Structure with the help of their lackey news media, is continously mis-enough dedicated doctors to ser- locking up and killing revolutionary Brothers and Sisters and are permitting the criminals to go about their Fascist way. The oppressed people of the world are constantly being exploited, not enough money to survive on to feed their families or decent housing. Rats and roaches are year around visitors. Not enough dedicated 'enough dedicate vice the people correctly, etc., etc., but every day the cost of living is rising, more taxes. We still have nothing to show for our hard work and will never have anything as long as we continue to let the Fascist Pig Power Structure keep us from uniting.

Join in with the Black Panther Party and many other organizations to form a UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM. Fascism is working hard to alienate the Black Panther Party from the people. Lets unite to lock up all the Capitalist, Rascist, Fascist, criminals who are lifting their hands against the people. "The spirit of the people is greater than the man's technology". THE MASSES OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE POWER IN THEIR HANDS.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE! PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD!

GRAND JURY UPTIGHT FIND THREE PANTHERS IN CONTEMPT OF COURT

The fascist reactionary grand jury who call themselves investigating the Black Panther Party today in San Francisco found three members of the Party in contempt of Court. The three brothers: Fred Crawford from Indianapolis, Ind.; Larry Carter from Minneanapolis, Minn.; and Steve Shese from Denver, Colo. used their Fifth Amendment rights and refused to be intimidated by this group of fanatical lieutenants of fascism.

Attorney Charles R. Garry, on his job as usual got a stay of execution until bond is posted pending an appeal, which means the brothers are free.

16 CHICAGO PANTHERS INDICTED -- FACE ELECTRIC CHAIR

Sixteen members of the Black Panther Party including the chairman, minister of education and the minister of culture were indicted Tuesday by the county grand jury on charges of conspiracy, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated battery, burglary and unlawful use of weapons. The aggravated kidnapping charge carries a maximum penalty of death. The states attorney's office leaked to the press on June 5 the story that the May grand jury was planning extensive indictments against the Panther leadership as part of the city's war on "gangs". The case which was chosen for use in attacking the Panthers was the arrest last April of a half-dozen Panthers who were charged with holding and torturing a couple in suburban Summit in an alleged attempt to recover a stolen gun. Three times the defendants appeared in court in Oaklawn and three times the state refused to produce any witnesses and asked for a continuance of the pretrial hearing. Then Tuesday it was learned why--the state was extending the case to include all the Panthers they wanted to put in jail.

Named in the indictment are Fred Hampton, deputy chairman for Illinois; Richard Powell, section leader; James White, section leader; David Valentine, information lieutenant; Wilmer Angrum, deputy minister of education; William O'Neal, deputy minister of defense; Robert Bruce, captain; Merril Harvey, captain; Nathaniel Junior, field secretary; Yvonne King, field secretary; Chuckles May, minister of education; Charles Martis, Harlon Walton, and Willie Ivory. Ransom was set by the grand jury on most defendants at $100,000. At the time the indictments were handed down, Hampton, White and Powell were already in jail. White has been in jail since April 28, unable to make ransom on the original arrest. Arrested were Valentine, Angrum, O'Neal and Harlan Walton. The other 9 are still at large after a series of early morning raids by the GIU in suburban Summit, Argo and Maywood failed to find them.

At their arraignment Wednesday morning, White, Valentine, Angrum, and Powell succeeded in getting ransom reduced from $100,000 to $50,000. O'Neal's ransom was kept at its original $10,000.

Although the indictments came only 24 hours after States Attorney Hanrahan and Mayor Daley had called a press conference to announce a special grand jury would be used to "smash the gang structure" in Chicago, Hanrahan denied the indictments were an attack on the Panthers. "This is not an indictment of the party itself, but is against certain members for specific crimes." But then he added, "I believe the character of the organization can be determined by the crimes of its members."

IND. PANTHER RUN DOWN BY FASCIST

Deputy Minister of Information of the Indianapolis Chapter was run down by a fascist truck three days before the Chapter was to begin its summer Breakfast for Children Program. Deputy Minister of Information, Donald Campbell was helping an elderly lady across the street when this fascist came speeding around the corner in a truck which had written on it "Love America or Leave It". Reports from observers indicate that this was a deliberate attempt on the brother's life. The brother is in fair condition, and will be functioning for the people again.

BOSTON PANTHERS MACED AND BEATEN FOR SELLING PANTHER NEWSPAPERS

DATE: June 13, 1969

Joel and Ron were standing outside First National Stores, on the curb, selling Panther newspapers. Bootlicking pig Accera (Badge # 2327) told them to move on because they were supposedly blocking the public way. When Joel asked what kind of crime was being committed; and who determines if they were wrong, Accera said, "I do!" The people were not complaining; and they were making good progress with the newspapers. They decided to leave, rather than risk harm to the people watching. They began to walk toward Northampton Street. Accera came from behind and grabbed Joel and hit him in his chest. Joel defended himself from this vicious attack. Then Ron tried to help; and two managers from the store came out. One, with the aid of Accera, attacked Joel knocking him to the ground and beating him. The other manager attacked Ron.

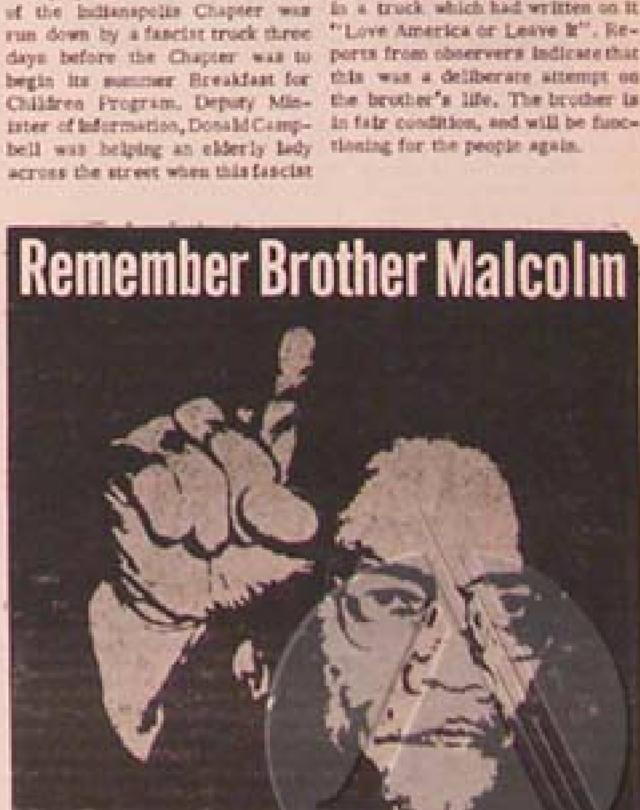
Before being placed in the pig car they were both maced. Joel was arrested and placed in the cruiser. Accera beat Joel all the way to the pig station. At one point, he pulled out his gun, but the pig in the front told him to put it away.

When they got to the pig station Accera turned his attention to Ron and proceeded to beat him. As they were waiting to be booked, Accera took shifts beating on them; a few minutes on one and then the other.

Ron was placed in a cell first, where he was again beaten. Accera warned him to be out of town before Monday, June 9th, or else he would kill him. Joel was placed in another cell and also beaten again.

Most of the time that Joel and Ron were beaten, they were handcuffed. They were first maced outside the store. The people of the community witnessed this vicious act by the Boston Gestapo. June 9th was a day of learning for many in the community. It was another way the fascist power structure tried to stop the Black Panther Party from getting the truth to the people in Boston.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Ron Davis
Joel Brown
Boston Chapter
Black Panther Party



FROM THE OFFICIAL PRISON PSYCHIATRIST ON WESLEY WELLS

October 21, 1953
Governor Goodwin J. Knight
The Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Knight:

If Wesley Robert Wells is executed, now that the Supreme Court has refused to intervene, I shall feel that I am partly to blame for his death unless I can persuade you to issue a pardon.

The Nollie E. Brown cuspidor episode would never have happened if the prison authorities had acted promptly and favorably on my written report following my interview with Wells. What I should have done in my capacity as prison psychiatrist would have been to obtain a personal interview with the Warden to give him an immediate understanding of my findings.

Hoping to make amends for this omission I belatedly wrote Governor Warren on February 1st 1950 and presented the facts to him. The reply of his secretary, Mr. James Welch was technically correct in quoting the Adult Authority but I feel that as a psychiatrist of half a century of experience and because of my private interviews with Wells just before and after the episode, I am qualified to dispute the statement "that a commutation of sentence for Wells would mean a condemnation to death of some other prisoner or guard". He was not "a wild animal" in either of these interviews. We were quite alone in the prison hospital office and I could detect nothing but a real man, more sinned against than sinning. He was conditioned from an early age of orphaned childhood to courageously resist "Jim Crow" while struggling to make a precarious living. Unspeakable plots and cruelties practiced against him would have killed a weaker man. Racial hatred and legalistic red tape have robbed him of the consideration due a human being.

Please tell me that you will grant my request.

Sincerely yours,
Burt F. Howard, M. D.

MEMO FROM BROTHER KIOMA HINES

TO: The Black Panther Newspaper
FROM: Brother Kioma Hines
(Friend of the Black Panther Party in Philadelphia and Columbia)

I have just recently become affiliated with the Black Panther Party and the entire black revolution in general and I just had to write and let you know my feelings about it. I believe in my heart and deep down in my soul that this revolution, which will soon hit its peak, is the most beautiful thing on earth. Never in my life have I been so proud of my people and of this change than I am now. Through searching of myself and of the universe I have truly found something I believe in and I know is right. I am prepared to fight for the cause, I am prepared to go to jail for the cause, I am prepared to return the pain inflicted on me by the fascist pig and the dying power structure for the cause, and I am prepared to die for the cause.

I am the only one for miles around who shares in the belief that beyond a shadow of a doubt the movement and the Black Panthers in particular are right. There are lots of misconceptions about the Black Panthers by disillusioned brothers and sisters thanks to the fascist power structure newspaper media. I, myself rap to many of them, and try to set them straight about Panther ideals and goals, as possible. A lot is said about the brothers but when I see sisters like Erika Huggins and Kathleen Cleaver and many others who believe in the cause as strongly as they do and are willing to fight for it I can only say I wish I knew sisters like that because to know one around here is a rarity. But they are learning.

Brother men and sister women I would like to end by saying our beloved leader Huey P. Newton may be in jail but his spirit is now in me and has generated something that no fascist, pig power structure can destroy. This beautiful brother has given me something to believe in, something to grab hold of, something to live for, something to die for.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER OVER PIGS
IN UNITY THERE IS POWER

LETTER: FROM SOUTH WEST AFRICA NATIONAL UNITED FRONT

Dear Mr. Minister;

We carefully read the article which appeared in the Black Panther of March 15, 1969, pages 12-13, regarding South West Africa (Namibia). While we highly appreciate your concern for the liberatory struggles of the oppressed people of the world, we take note of those who take advantage of your concern by using you to destroy the very struggling people you honestly wish to see saved.

The article entitled SOUTH WEST AFRICA FOLLOWS CHAIRMAN MAO purports to have been written in behalf of the South West Africa National Union (SWANU), though it does not carry the name of the author. However, we wish to inform you that SWANU is a foundation member of the South West Africa National United Front which was foresightedly, though laboriously, organized by the people of South West Africa in the same way the Vietnamese people organized their National Liberation Front. Whoever continues to play up the role of SWANU at the exclusion of all the other liberatory movements such as NUDO, SWAUNIO, and the Workers Union, is only doing harm to our cause in the same way the Thieu's and Ky's damaged the cause of the Vietnamese people.

We also learned that the combat pictures the Black Panther carried was taken in 1904 during the Herero-German War, long before Chairman Mao Tse-Tung returned to Hunan in 1919, where he adopted Marxism as his faith in 1920, helped to found the Communist Party in 1921, earning a place in its leadership in 1923. We therefore, failed to understand the role Chirman Mao played in our revolution to deserve a place among our greatest national heroes of all the time.

Moreover, we borrow ideas from great leaders such as Mao and Lenin. But we never make them lead our struggle for us. As Chairman Mao teaches us, we rest our policy on our own strength, and that means regeneration through one's own efforts. We are not alone; all the countries and people opposed to imperialism are our friends. Nevertheless, we stress regeneration through our own efforts. Relying on the forces we ourselves organize, we can defeat all our enemies.

We enclosed herewith our bulletin which is the mouthpiece of our people, and hope to send you the following issues. Please feel free to reprint any article thereof.

With brotherly love, we are looking forward to establishing contacts with you.

Veise N. Mbuwa and
Dr. Mburumba Kerina
REPRESENTATIVES

REVOLUTIONARY MARRIAGE

The Kansas City Chapter of the Black Panther Party is very proud to be second in the tradition of having a revolutionary marriage.



On May 16, 1969, two of our most functional members, sister Phyllis Story and brother Phillip Ortega, were united in a beautiful revolutionary ceremony. The ceremony in itself was unique, performed only once before by the National Headquarters of the Black Panther Party earlier in the month.



The ceremony was performed by the Deputy Chairman of the Kansas City Chapter, Brother Pete O'Neal. Adding to the revolutionary style of the ceremonies, brother Pete, in an eloquent style, recited some very functional and receptive quotations from Chairman Mao Tse Tung. One is the following:

"The world is yours, as well as ours, but in the last analysis, it is yours. You young people, full of vigour and vitality, are in the bloom of life, like the sun at eight or nine in the morning. Our hope is placed on you."

The world belongs to you. America belongs to you.

After the ceremony the brothers and sisters sang the revolutionary song, Off the Pig, and congratulations were in order.

In following the words of Chairman Mao, and putting them into practice, we shall solidly unite all the forces of our Party on democratic centralist principles of organization and discipline. We shall unite with any comrade if he abides by the Party's program, constitution and decisions.

RECOGNIZING FASCISM FOR WHAT IT IS

The Black Panther Party is calling a Conference for a United Front Against Fascism in America, to be held in Oakland, California, July 18, 19 and 20th. If the IGNOMINIOUS crimes of the fascist regime manifested in the McClellan Committee; the Oakland Police Department, etc., etc., are not met with an alliance of all the progressive people and organizations throughout America, the future of America will reflect the heinous crimes of fascist Germany. We cannot depend on the fascist press to give a true account of the recent attempts to destroy the national and local leadership of the Black Panther Party. Numerous arrests and even a murder of one of our Party members, Alex Rackley has taken place. This reminds us of the murder of Charles Poole, found dead in a ditch in Detroit on May 22, 1936. It is a calculated fascist plot to animalize the Black Panther Party in order to justify their perfidious attacks presently and futuristically. The fascist press assures us that the great American Democracy is immune to fascism. But the Black Panther Party recognizes fascism for what it is in America, manifested in the three levels of oppression: the avaricious (greedy, exploiting) businessman; the demagogic (lying) politicians; and the fascist pig cops.

People who recognize fascism for what it is in a country 3,000 miles away, frequently fail to identify it when it develops in their own country under their very noses. They mechanically seek to identify fascism by the garments which it wears in other countries and are unable to recognize it when it wears new clothes.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PARTY

To Whom It May Concern:

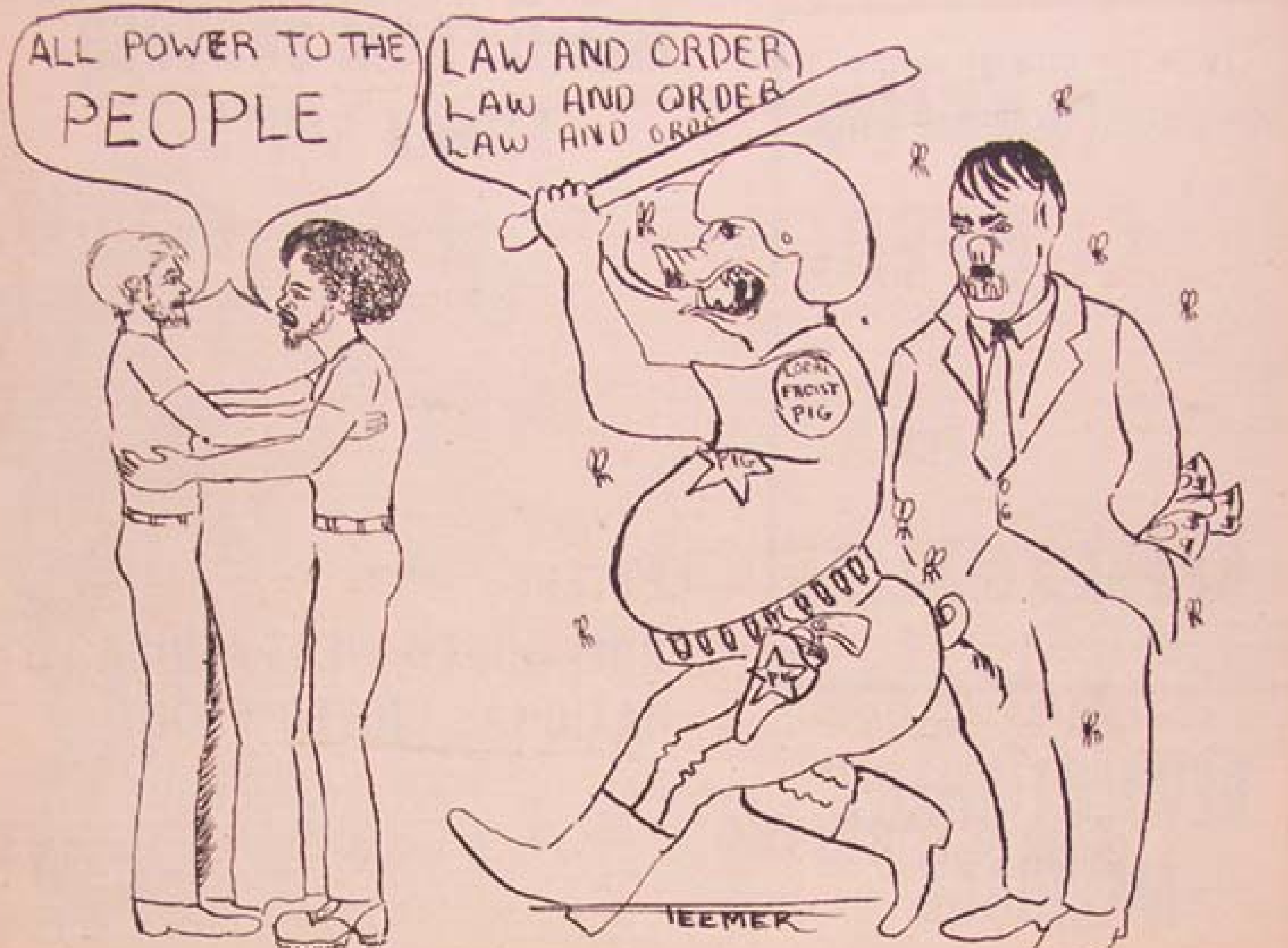
I'm writing to say that I am a firm believer and supporter of the oppressed people's revolution.

The black people here need to know that their black brothers and sisters all over this racist country need to unite and believe what the oppression brought upon them, which has them convinced of its permanency, will cease in due time through a mass unity.

As a black woman talking to her sisters and brothers in Oakland, I really enjoy very much reading your paper because it lets me know that what we are fighting for is real and not something that will die down overnight. When I first read your paper, it made me really realize what was happening.

So I say to you, "Power to the oppressed People," but most of all, "Black Power to Black People".

Carolyn Lumpkin



A WARNING ON GROWING FASCIST PIG POWER

On June 11, 1969, the San Francisco Chronicle ran an article on a report of a task force of the National Commission of the Causes and Prevention of Violence entitled, "A Warning on Growing Cop Power." The report said that the "police have emerged as a self-conscious, independent political power." This is simply a euphemism for the overt pig fascism that is running amuck, all across the country.

Trying to formulate a concrete understanding of what fascism is all about based upon the double talk that is printed in the equally fascist news media, is like professing to be an authority of China, based upon what one has discerned from John Wayne movies. Therefore, a historical approach to the question of fascism is indeed, in order.

"Fascism is the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinistic (racist) and most imperialist elements of finance capital. It does not stand above both classes - the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, nor is it super-class government, nor government of the petty bourgeoisie or the lumpen proletariat over finance capital. Fascism is the power of finance capital itself, FINANCE CAPITAL manifests itself not only as banks, trusts, and monopolys, but also as the human property of FINANCE CAPITAL - the avaricious businessmen, the demagogic politician and the racist pig cop. FASCISM is the organization of terrorist vengeance against the working class, and the revolutionary section of the peasantry and intelligentsia."

The headlines of the June 14, 1969, Black Panther Newspaper read, "CAPITALISM PLUS RACISM BREEDS FASCISM". This is a fitting description of frenzied America, in 1969.

Fascism in America, under Nixon, is just as blatant as it was in Nazi Germany, under Hitler. The only difference is that in dying Babylon, fascism has moved to a higher level, and it can be seen in all levels of this society. The avaricious businessmen, like the owners of the Safeway Stores who extract $50,000 per week from communities (in each and every one of its stores), and refuse to donate a $100.00 every week to the Breakfast for Children are perpetrating fascism. It is nurtured in the news media in the one sided coverage of all opposition. And fascism is definitely being perpetrated by the racist pig law enforcement agencies.

According to the task force, J. Edgar Hoover (sic) is mainly the blame for the growing (fascist) "politicalization" among police ranks "by spreading the view that any kind of mass protest is due to a conspiracy promulgated by agitators, often Communist, who misdirect otherwise contented people." This is the same rhetoric the government has used to justify the suppression of all opposition to this capitalistic, racist, imperialist system. It is the same justification that Hoover and his gestapo gang have used to terrorize the masses of the people for the last 50 years. The black, Mexican American, Puerto Rican, poor whites and other oppressed people are not contented with this moribund system. They are the victims of Americanism.

"A Democratic society (for the rich and the super rich) cannot depend upon force as its recurrent answer to long-standing and legitimate grievances," the report said, "This nation cannot have it both ways; either it will carry through a firm commitment to massive and widespread political and social reform, or it will develop into a society of garrison cities where order is enforced without due process of law and without the consent of the governed". The report would have the average reader believe that fascism is just around the corner. But fascism is here. It was on the scene when National Guard occupied Wilmington, Delaware for almost a year. The bust of the N.Y. 21 can be equated to the Reichstag Fire in Germany when the fascist Nazi regime used this as a pretense to annihilate the Communist Party and exterminate the Jewish people. When Reagan ordered C-2 Gas sprayed by helicopter over the University of California in Berkeley, this too, is a clear example of fascism.

One of the most blatant implementations of fascism is carried out through the news media, exemplified through the "publicity" that is afforded to Hoover in all of the media. The media, prints verbatum, the official line of the fascist state and when dealing with the opposition, it always quotes the oppressed out of context, when it does not print out and out lies.

"Police view students, the anti-war protesters and blacks as a danger to our political system, and racial prejudice pervades the police attitudes and actions," the report said. Judging from the savage attacks perpetrated against Oriental Americans, Chicano, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, poor whites, etc..., or the broad masses of the American people who make up the lumpen proletarian, it is safe to say that all of the aforementioned constitute a danger to this capitalist, racist, imperialist system. And the U.S. gestapo forces are moving to suppress the broad masses of the people.

To say that "police, just as courts, are expected to be neutral and nonpolitical," one must be a complete nincompoop, or have a Disneyland mentality. The courts have always reflected the political ideology of the power structure. That is why the Black Panther Party says, "we want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities as defined by the constitution of the United States". America is fascist, therefore the courts have no alternative but to be fascist. It runs from the white house to the courts to the pig on the corner.

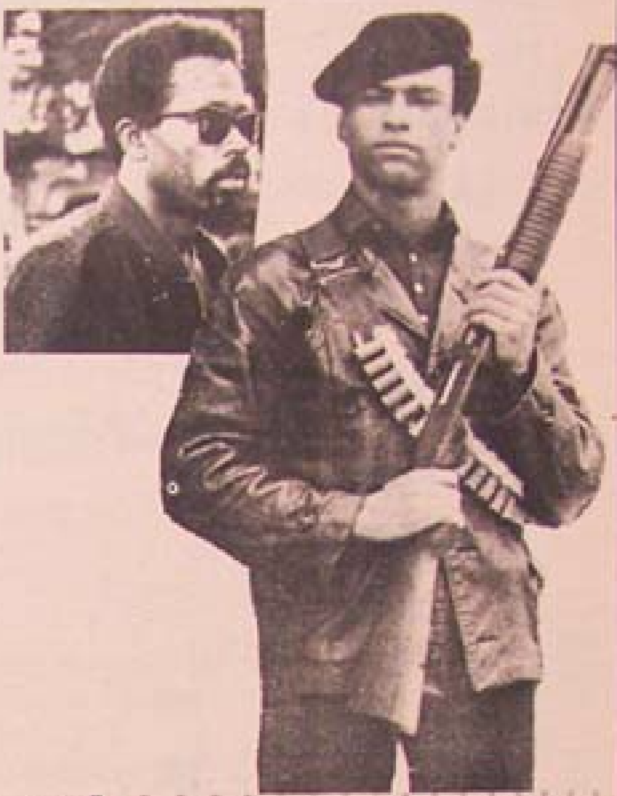
It is a historical fact that in a fascist country, the answer to dissent is concentration camps and extermination. The only alternative to fascism is revolution! And we say: BLOOD TO THE HORSES BROW AND WOE TO THOSE WHO CANNOT SHOOT

FASCIST JUDGE UPHOLDS BEATING OF NEWSMAN

Chicago, June 11 (Fred News Service)--Three Chicago cops were told today by a federal court that although they clubbed Chicago Daily News reporter John Linstead "they did not deprive him of his constitutional rights without due process of law. This was so according to Judge Joseph Sam Perry because "... the element of willfulness was missing... There was provocation." In fact, said Judge Perry, "The language that John Otto Linstead used was vile and degrading to the officers. He accused the officers of committing incest with their mothers. Any red-blooded American would flare up." Of course, the verdict was never in doubt. Unlike the 8 movement activists scheduled for conviction for allegedly organizing last August's police riots, there was never any intention of actually convicting the indicted cops. So confident of victory was the defense that they only bothered to call one witness. In summing up the defense the cops' attorney laid out the issue: "There is only a thin blue line between anarchy and law and order.

CONTINUED HARASSMENT OF ILL. PANTHERS

Eleven members of the Black Panther Party were arrested outside their W. Madison Street office yesterday after police had stopped their car to harass them. The driver was charged with having obstructed vision because there were 11 people in his station wagon. The eleven refused to take the harassment and called on the growing crowd of people around them to protect them. When police attempted to arrest all eleven, Sandra Rich was beaten and is still in Cook County Hospital. The pigs then announced that they had found in the car marijuana, a hypodermic needle, and materials to make explosives. Seven of those arrested were released in the morning for $1,000 ransom. Last week four other Panthers were arrested in Old Town for selling the Black Panther Newspaper.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

FOR A

UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM



OAKLAND CALIFORNIA

JULY 18, 19, 20, and 21 st.



FASCISM THE POWER OF FINANCE CAPITAL ITSELF

THIS REVOLUTIONARY CONFERENCE FOR A UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM IS CALLED BY THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE FREEDOM OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND POLITICAL FREEDOM FOR ALL PROLETARIAN TYPE ORGANIZATIONS, THE FREEDOM AND POLITICAL WORK OF ALL STUDENTS, FARMER PEASANTS, WORKERS, AND THE LUMPEN MUST BE DEVELOPED INTO A NATIONAL FORCE; A FRONT WHICH HAS A COMMON REVOLUTIONARY IDEOLOGY AND POLITICAL PROGRAM WHICH ANSWERS THE BASIC DESIRES AND NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE IN FASCIST, CAPITALISTIC, RACIST AMERICA. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WILL BE COMMUNITY CONTROL OF POLICE TO END FASCISM.

IN OAKLAND CALIFORNIA, JULY 18, 19, 20 & 21st REPRESENTATIVES FROM AROUND THE COUNTIES OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE, SOME 5,000 OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES WILL DEVELOP A UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM. HEADQUARTERS BLACK PANTHER PARTY OFFICE, 3106 SHATTUCK AVE., BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, 845-0103 OR 845-0104.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY CALLS FOR A UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM

The Black Panther Party has called for a "United Front Against Fascism"..

Every man, woman or child dehumanized by the "culture" of imperialism has to be anti-fascist. Probably 90% of the people in the U.S. including many employed in institutions which serve imperialism would call themselves anti-fascist.

But not enough people oppose fascism in action, where it counts.

Police terror and assassination in the Black communities with double violence and brutal sentences in the courts for leaders of the Black Panther Party are fascism in action. B52 bombers and napalm in Vietnam are fascism in action. So are raids on student activitists.

The address of fascist headquarters is not Berlin, Rome, or Tokyo. It is imperialism, U.S.A. It is White Supremacy, New York, Seattle, Chicago, Los Angeles, Birmingham, Miami. It stalks with U.S. and U.N. mercenary pigs in the Congo; it rides pig jets against Arabs in the Middle East. Porteguese fascism in Angola and apartheid in South Africa depend upon U.S. patronage. At home, northern and southern pigs occupy ghettoes and parks with equal ferocity.

The system has been trying to colonize the world with fire, bombs, guns and knives for enforcement and with bribes of whisky, rice, money and favors for traitors like the generals in Saigon and the scabby labor elite and other uncle tom performers at home.

The only cure for this national and global plague is the death of U.S. imperialism. Black revolutionaries and young people are beginning to learn in the same school. All together, more people in more places are uniting to defeat fascism and end imperialism.

Black liberation fighters are being joined by Brown and Red and young mother country white people to tend to the urgent business of resisting by any means necessary. The rest of the people who also hate fascism could nevertheless be forced or sucked into becoming camp followers or labor battalions for the pig troops unless they decide right off to support the brothers and sisters who are already fighting to create the peoples army which will defeat the pig army.

Harass the pigs; give them no rest. Empty the jails and force the courts to free our people. Let the fascists and the pigs and hanging judges know that they are the ones whom the people will punish. Defend the drafted G.I.'s who know already how to turn their servitude as mercenaries against the fascist brass and the fascist bosses of the brass.

Defend our fighters in every legal way but support them unconditionally. Make life miserable for enemies of the peoples--every fascist act must cost the system double and triple.

To defend our right to live free from fascist terror, we have to take up the fight against imperialism as our own battle. Mother country whites must also fight to liberate all U.S. occupied territory abroad and at home--we cannot spare ourselves in defending the victims of oppression--No one can be free in a country which enslaves others.

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REGISTRATION FORM: FOR REPRESENTATIVES OR INDIVIDUALS FOR THE COMING SUMMER IN OAKLAND OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR A UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM

OFFICIAL **REGISTRATION FORM** B.P.P. AND I.L.S. READ THOROUGHLY

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR A UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM IN AMERICA
OAKLAND, CALIF. JULY 18TH, 19TH, 20TH, 21ST
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- ADVANCE REGISTRATION POSTMARK MIDNIGHT SAT. JULY 12TH.................. $4.00 DOLLARS
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- CHECK IN CENTER IS THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 3106 SHATTUCK AVENUE, BERKELEY, CALIF. 94705 PH. (415) 845 0103, 845 0104
- CHECK IN TIME STARTS JULY 17TH, THURSDAY, 9:00A.M. THROUGH FRIDAY, 5:00P.M. CONFERENCE STARTS FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 18TH AT 7:00 P.M. SHARP.
- WE SUGGEST TO ALL PEOPLE, REPRESENTATIVES AND PARTIES OF ORGANIZATIONS TO TRY AND ARRIVE EARLY AS POSSIBLE, STARTING THRUSDAY MORNING JULY 17TH 9:00A.M. SO ALL PEOPLE CAN BE PROPERLY ASSISTED IN GETTING HOUSING, AND OTHER NECESSARY INFORMATION THAT MANY THOUSANDS WILL NEED TO KNOW FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

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October 1966

Black Panther Party Platform and Program

What We Want What We Believe



FREE HUEY

Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the white man of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**



SOUL ON ICE?

"IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THE PRISONER'S DEBT TO SOCIETY VERSUS SOCIETY'S DEBT TO THE PRISONER IS INJECTED FORCEFULLY INTO NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS, INTO THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE, AND INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE BODY POLITIC. IT IS AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE WHICH GOES TO THE VERY ROOT OF AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, THE STRUCTURE OF CRIMINAL LAW, THE PREVAILING BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD A CONVICTED FELON." (SOUL ON ICE, P.59)

Eldridge Cleaver made the decision to politically exile himself November 27th, on the basis that the Adult Authority made an outlaw decision, and that he has been denied his constitutional right to due process of law.

The revocation of Cleaver's parole was illegal, because no parole violation was committed.

The Adult Authority parole board has tried to maintain that Cleaver violated his parole by having a rifle in his possession, and by associating with individuals of bad reputation. This contention, we will show, is false. The Adult Authority version contradicts the Superior Court order itself:

"... Cleaver's only handling of a firearm (the rifle) was in obedience to a police command. He did not handle a hand gun at all. There was nothing one way or the other to show a conspiracy or a situation calling for the application of the doctrine of aiding and abetting. Hence, nothing supported either the possession of a firearm or the assault charge.

As to the charge of association with individuals of bad reputation, the report indicated that two or three of those named had "police records," but nothing to show whether any had been convicted of anything, or whether Cleaver knew of their arrest record." (Superior Court c.t. 137, 138, 140, 141.)

Parolee Cleaver was denied due process of law by being denied opportunity to present his case.

Why was Cleaver returned to prison as a parole violator if documented evidence to the contrary had been presented in his defense? To answer that question, one must examine the Adult Authority. This board has the right to arbitrarily revoke or suspend parole on any individual. At the same time, the Adult Authority maintains—falsely—that Cleaver has the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing. This is how it works:

"A parolee is served with violation charges, is interviewed, is given a hearing (before the Adult Authority itself, the charging party) at which the parolee may 'plead' to the parole violation charges, and is afforded an opportunity to present his defense."

"At the 'hearing' a parolee is denied the right to counsel, may not have an independent and impartial officer to conduct the hearing and make decision." (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 17)

Not only does the Adult Authority hold secret hearings, but it also refuses to notify persons under its jurisdiction of its procedures, or of its variable definitions of what constitutes a parole violation. This secrecy and vagueness is in direct violation of federal law which requires agencies to publish their procedures "for guidance of the public."

"Petitioner (Cleaver) is immediately and seriously prejudiced by the Adult Authority's unlawful refusal to publish its regulations, since he is to be imprisoned by virtue of an action which the Adult Authority still seeks to garb in this 'veil of secrecy.' (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 12)

Yes, the Adult Authority acted unjustly and illegally. Its decision was an outlaw decision. Cleaver had no chance of obtaining "justice" from these Star Chamber proceedings. Why then wouldn't the U.S. Supreme Court hear Cleaver's case? There are, we believe, three reasons why the case wasn't accepted. The first is that any fair minded court would obviously have released Cleaver, thereby setting a precedent. The second is that thousands of cases of alleged parole violation from all over California and other states would be subject to reversal. Thirdly, the illegal functioning of the Adult Authority would come under attack. The U.S. Supreme Court just couldn't afford to consider the Cleaver case during this turbulent period.

Eldridge Cleaver is a victim of naked, shameless political persecution. As Judge Sherwin puts it:

"... The uncontradicted evidence presented to this court indicated that the petitioner had been a model parolee. The peril to his parole status stemmed from no failure of personal rehabilitation, but from his undue eloquence in pursuing political goals, goals which were offensive to many of his contemporaries. Not only was there absence of cause for the cancellation of parole, it was the product of a type of pressure unbecoming, to say the least, to the law enforcement paraphernalia of this state."

Cleaver is in political exile because a man of his convictions cannot get justice here. Indeed, if we are to give more than lip service to the concepts of freedom and justice we must support him. The work to get him discharged from parole must continue. An intense publicity campaign is necessary now to bring to the public the legal defense and arguments which were carried to the courts with no satisfaction. We must all work together to focus attention of this case. This is not an issue of one man's freedom, but a broad struggle which affirms the right of all of us to speak out politically in this country. If Cleaver is not allowed his freedom, it is just a matter of time until all our freedoms are further reduced. His is not a personal struggle but a political one.

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Every member of the **BLACK PANTHER PARTY** throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. **CENTRAL COMMITTEE** members, **CENTRAL STAFFS**, and **LOCAL STAFFS**, including all captains subordinate to either national, state, and local leadership of the **BLACK PANTHER PARTY** will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the **BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.**

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THE RULES ARE:

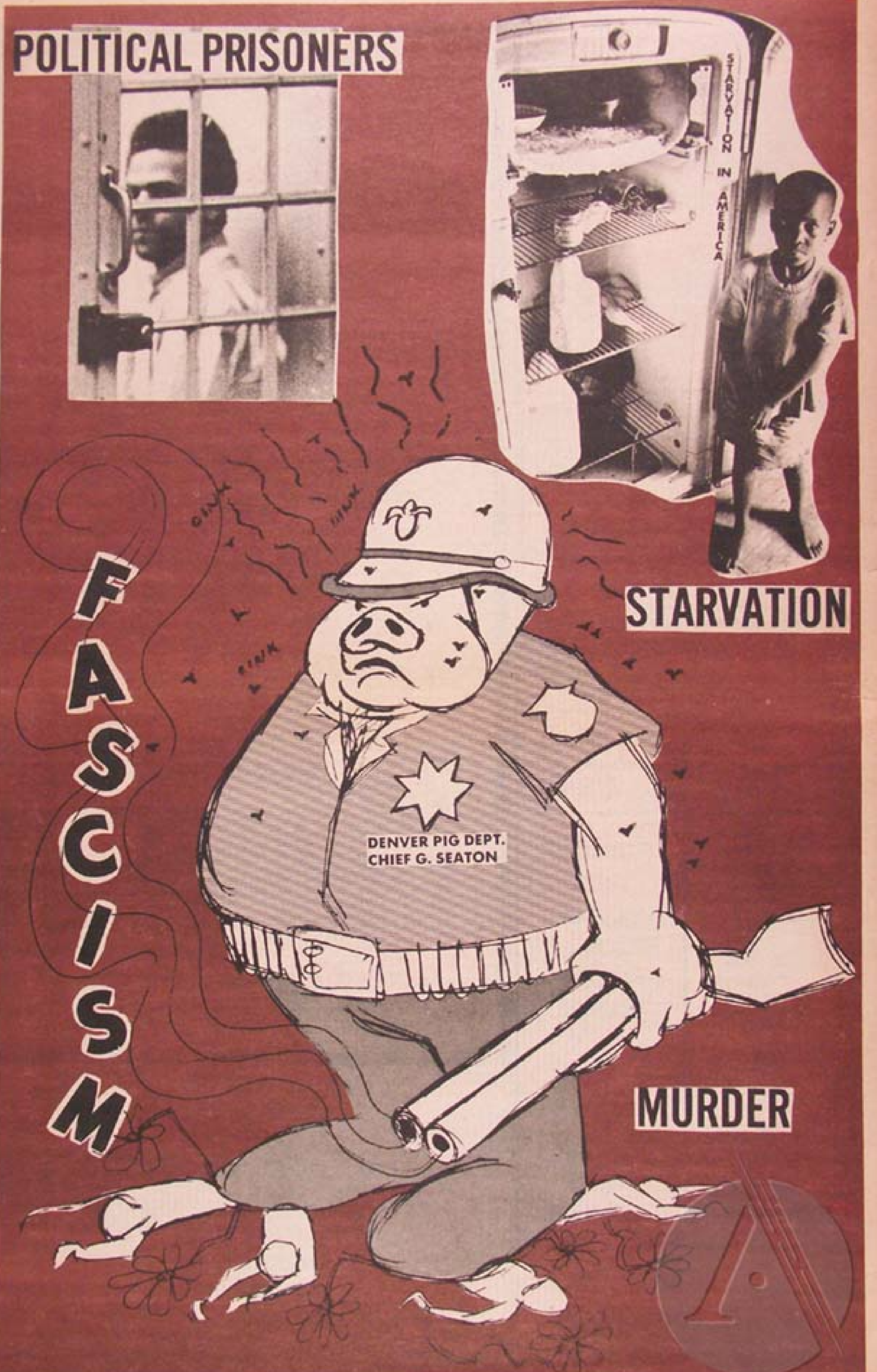
1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be **DRUNK** while doing daily party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the **BLACK PANTHER PARTY**, and meetings of the **BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.**
5. No party member will **USE, POINT**, or **FIRE** a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No party member can join any other army force other than the **BLACK LIBERATION ARMY**.
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while **DRUNK** or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or **BLACK** people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested **BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS** will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the **BLACK PANTHER PARTY** must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leader Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the **BLACK PANTHER PARTY** must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the **CENTRAL COMMITTEE** of the **BLACK PANTHER PARTY**.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.

8 POINTS OF ATTENTION

1) Speak politely.
2) Pay fairly for what you buy.
3) Return everything you borrow.
4) Pay for anything you damage.
5) Do not hit or swear at people.
6) Do not damage property or crops of the poor, oppressed masses.
7) Do not take liberties with women.
8) If we ever have to take captives do not ill-treat them.

3 MAIN RULES OF DISCIPLINE

1) Obey orders in all your actions.
2) Do not take a single needle or a piece of thread from the poor and oppressed masses.
3) Turn in everything captured from the attacking enemy.


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